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Metro is marking Earth Day with a special section that looks at some of the issues and ways people are trying to make their lives more environmentally conscious. See pages 27-30.



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Victory **Canucks win 6-4**

Ryan Kesler, left, celebrates his empty net goal with Daniel Sedin, leading to a 6-4 victory over the Los Angeles Kings last night in Los Angeles, Calif. After Game 4 of the Western Conference quarter-final, the series is now tied at 2-2. Coverage, pages 4, 18

Cop fired for selling marijuana on duty

VPD 'single rogue officer' arrested, charged on four counts

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A "rogue" Vancouver police officer was arrested at VPD headquarters yesterday and charged for allegedly peddling marijuana while on-duty.

Peter Hodson, 31, a Vancouver constable with less than five years experience, faces four charges, including trafficking marijuana. He was arrested at 11:30 a.m. at the department's

headquarters on Cambie Street.

"There will be no discussion here of discipline or suspension," said Chief Const. Jim Chu. "I have taken the step of firing Hodson as of today. He is no longer a member of the Vancouver Police Department."

Hodson, who worked general patrol in the Downtown Eastside, is also charged with break and enter to commit extortion as well as two counts of

breach of trust for selling drugs and for the illegal use of a police database.

The alleged offences are supposed to have occurred since Dec. 4.

An investigative team was formed and an office was established off site. Upward of 30 officers took part and RCMP provided front-line assistance and investigative oversight.

"What we found was disturbing and disgraceful," Chu said, adding that he could not discuss many de-

tails because the charges were before the court.

"I can tell you that we assembled evidence that Hodson was trafficking street-level amounts of marijuana both on and off duty."

Street-level trafficking usually involves two pounds of marijuana or less.

He added that there is no evidence that it was anything more than the actions of a "single rogue officer."

Curbside composting set to start

EARTH DAY: APRIL 22

Go Green



GREEN CITY Vancouver hopes to mine black gold from discarded vegetable peelings and table scraps.

Curbside composting begins in Vancouver today — Earth Day — for detached homes with municipal garbage pickup.

"We're behind most other major cities in English speaking North America," said Coun. Andrea Reimer.

Curbside composting, which lets people add uncooked fruit and vegetables, eggshells, teabags and coffee grinds to their yard-trimmings bin, was the No. 1 idea suggested during consultation by Vancouver's Greenest City Action Team.

While previous councils may have desired curbside composting, Reimer said, they were stymied by problems like how and where to process the organic waste and how to roll it out to both detached houses and apartments.

As a result, the initiative will be introduced in phases. The first will aim to divert 6,100 tonnes of food scraps annually from the city's landfill to a composting facility in Richmond.

Phase two, which would begin in 2011, would switch garbage pickup so that organics, including all food waste, would be picked up weekly. Regular garbage would get picked up every two weeks.

The initiative, however, does little for apartment dwellers, other than offer a list of private haulers they can hire to collect their food waste.

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Facelift kicks off at Science World

Construction has begun at the Telus World of Science, left, for a \$35-million facelift that will see a renewed, greener building surrounded by hands-on outdoor science experiences. The project will be completed by March 2011. The building remains open to the public.

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News in brief

DEATH Vancouver police are investigating the suspicious death of an elderly woman in a home on East 51st Avenue after receiving a call from concerned family members on Monday. The cause of death has yet to be determined.

DRUGS A drug-detection dog sniffed out 19 grams of heroin that was about to enter Kent Institution in Agassiz during a routine search. According to Correctional Service Canada, the drugs are worth around \$3,000 on the street and \$10,000 behind bars.

FINES Police at the Aldergrove border crossing have issued more than \$40,000 in fines over the past couple months to drivers cutting into the border lineup. Some people are illegally turning off of Zero Avenue and jumping in front of cars waiting longer in line. Police have also dealt with fights between frustrated drivers.

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Video Michaëlle Jean apologizes to Rwanda for Canada's inaction during 1994 genocide. More at metronews.ca/canada



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Suit against RCMP dropped

Mom cites movement toward change after Ian Bush shooting

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The mother of a man shot dead by an RCMP officer in a Northern B.C. town has dropped her lawsuit against the detachment.

Linda Bush made the announcement in downtown Vancouver yesterday morning alongside RCMP officers, saying that her decision not to go to court was partly due to "flaws"

Arrest

• Ian Bush was originally arrested for having an open beer in public and then giving an officer a false name.

in the justice system already having been exposed.

In 2005, her 22-year-old son Ian Bush was in police custody in Houston, B.C., when he was shot in the

back of the head. The officer claimed that Ian was lying on top of him when he was shot. A coroner's inquest later revealed that the officer's story was improbable and that he'd destroyed his notes from the night.

Linda said she is aware that her decision will disappoint people close to her.

"You have seen how an inquest affects the families," said Bush. "We would

be reliving the despair, anger, hopelessness and frustration. I am no longer sure I can justify putting my family through the ordeal of a court case."

Chief Supt. Craig Callens spoke alongside Bush.

"The RCMP has made changes (that) include external investigation, review and oversight of serious incidents... and the installation of video recording equipment in RCMP buildings," he said.

Hundreds flock to Army and Navy shoe sale

BLOWOUT Women waded through piles of shoes on the floor and made purchases by the basket-load yesterday at the kickoff of the 12-day Army and Navy shoe sale in Vancouver's downtown Eastside — Canada's largest shoe sale.

A few lucky contest winners got a 30-minute head start in the morning while hundreds lined up outside. The doors opened to the general public at 8 a.m.

Those waiting in the line that snaked around the block hid under umbrellas for hours for a chance to get in, try on shoes and get out with them in time to make it to work.

"I've been waiting here since 5:30 a.m.," said the woman first in line.

At the strike of 8 a.m., Army and Navy president Jacqui Cohen flung open the doors, allowing the hundreds of women — and a few men — to pour into the store, some screaming with excitement.

One shopper said, "I had to explain to my boyfriend this is like the Super Bowl for women."

LAURA FORTEY
 FOR METRO VANCOUVER



Shoppers try on shoes at the Army and Navy store in Vancouver yesterday morning.

Man convicted in dragging death to be released

CRIME The man who hit a Maple Ridge gas station attendant with his car and dragged him nearly eight kilometres to his death will be out of prison in June.

Darnell Pratt was just 16 in March 2005 when he stole about \$7 worth of gas and then ran down 24-year-old Grant De Patie with a stolen car.

The National Parole Board says Pratt will be eligible for statutory release in June after serving the majority of a nine-year manslaughter sentence that was later reduced to seven years on appeal.

DePatie's father, Grant, doubts the now-21-year-old man has accepted his guilt, though the Appeal Court emphasized Pratt's continued rehabilitation in its decision to cut two years from his original sentence.

Lobbying by DePatie's parents led to Grant's Law — provincial legislation that requires pre-payment for all gas purchases and provides better protection for employees working alone.

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Earth Day events in city

1 Vancouver Aquarium Earth Week

- Where: Vancouver Aquarium, Stanley Park
- When: Until Sunday
- Featuring a Salmon Fry event on the weekend, movie pass giveaways and a sea otter encounter, the Vancouver Aquarium has a lot to offer at the weekend Party for the Planet.

• More info: visitvanqua.org
 • Tix: \$22/adult

2 UBC foreshore cleanup

- Where: Along the waterfront below UBC campus
- When: Today, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

• Health, safety and environment staff will join in the second annual foreshore cleanup. Garbage left by visitors and brought in by the tide will be sorted and recycled when possible.

• More info: hse.ubc.ca

3 Cool Globes: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet

- Where: Science World
- When: Opens today
- This new exhibition features 23 one-tonne globes, which spotlight aspects of global warming. The free exhibit is on display outside Science World on the sidewalk along False Creek.

• More info: scienceworld.ca

4 Projecting Change Film Festival

- Where: Fifth Avenue Cinemas
- When: Until Sunday
- Four days of promoting sustainable living through film screenings, with interactive discussions following each film. Speakers include environmental activists such as David Suzuki.

• More info: projectingchange.ca
 • Tix: \$12/adult

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What's your number?

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Bard on the Beach is celebrating William Shakespeare's 446th birthday with the fourth annual fundraiser, Bill's Birthday Breakfast, at the Pan Pacific in Vancouver today. The designers behind this year's sets and costumes will share insights into their artistic visions for the latest productions. **METRO VANCOUVER**

Paralympian arrested

CRIME Gold medal-winning Paralympic curler and retired Richmond dentist Jim Armstrong was arrested in Blaine, Wash., after picking up a package containing fake impotency pills.

The package was shipped from China and contained 2,544 tablets of counterfeit Viagra and 260 tablets of fake Cialis.

They were allegedly to be smuggled into Vancouver and sold in nightclubs,

according to the Seattle Post Intelligencer. Armstrong was released on a \$20,000 bail bond and is set to appear in court in Seattle on April 30.

Armstrong skipped his curling team to gold at the 2009 World Curling Championships in Richmond and at the 2010 Paralympic Games.

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Woman attacked by pit bull

DOGS A Surrey woman was sent to hospital with injuries to her face after a pit bull attack Tuesday night.

The 22-year-old was reportedly playing with the dog before it attacked her. Shelagh Begg of HugaBull,

a Vancouver advocacy organization for pit bulls, said the negativity created by isolated incidents like this one, casts these dogs in an unfair light.

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Canucks Tweetup a hit

Roughly 150 people gather to win prizes while watching Vancouver beat the Kings

Canucks fans banded together last night at Library Square for the Canucks Tweetup to watch Vancouver beat the L.A. Kings 6-4 in Game 4.

Tickets were given away for tomorrow's Game 5 at GM Place, as were other prizes during the game, including signed sticks and apparel. Roughly 150 people showed up for the first Tweetup of the playoffs.

Denise Guerrero, who went to Game 1 against the St. Louis Blues last year won the tickets and was extremely excited.

Radio personality Scott Rintoul hosted the event



An excited Denise Guerrero, winner of the Game 5 playoffs tickets shows them off.

and said Canucks fans will continue to make the event grow.

"The people who went seem to be pretty passion-

ate Canucks fans," Rintoul said. "They think 'I'm going to watch the game tonight, now I have somewhere to watch it with a

community of people who feel the same way about the team that I do."

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News in brief

APOLOGY Leaders of a Surrey Sikh temple have issued an apology for what they say were "misconstrued" comments directed at two B.C. politicians who are outspoken opponents of Sikh separatist violence. Inderjit Bains had said MP Ujjal Dosanjh and MLA Dave Hayer were not invited to last weekend's Vaisakhi Parade and should "bring their own security" if they planned to attend.

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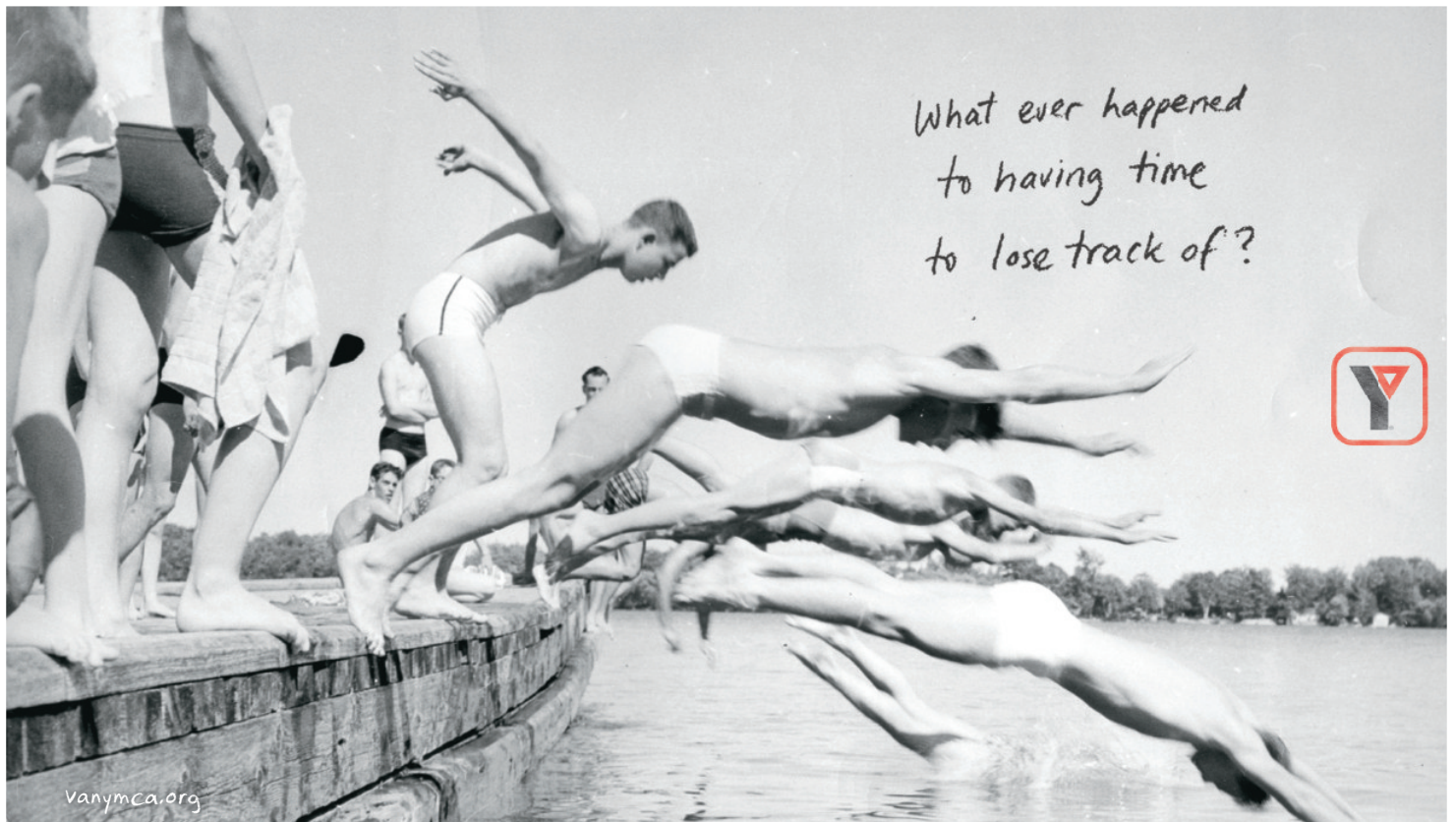
Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs says a young Manitoba woman who froze to death waiting for an answer to 911 calls died the same way a young B.C. man died last year — and both were preventable tragedies. They called the 911 system "outdated and inadequate."

CLOSING The North Vancouver School District is closing two schools in an effort to balance a \$6-million budget shortfall, CBC News Online reports. Plymouth Elementary is set to

close at the end of June and Blueridge Elementary is closing in 2013. Each closure will save the district about \$400,000 per year.

HIT AND RUN RCMP in Langley are on the hunt for the driver of a red Ford Escape that ran over a cyclist outside a Shoppers Drug Mart on 48th Avenue. The car ran over the 23-year-old victim's chest and kept going. He was treated in hospital.

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Canada

Brother ordered out

The brother of a teen shot dead by Montreal police is appealing a deportation ruling ordering him back to his native Honduras. Immigration officials have declared Dany Villanueva, left, inadmissible because of a conviction for armed robbery. Villanueva's brother, Fredy, was killed by Montreal police in August 2008.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Iggy blooper ousts a Tory

Aide quits in gun registry fuss

A Conservative MP's aide has taken the fall for a news release that urged Liberals to beat their leader "black and blue."

Brant Scott, assistant to Saskatchewan MP Garry Breitkreuz, resigned yesterday as the Harper government scrambled to get its strategy for scrapping the long-gun registry back on track.

The release, which went out under Breitkreuz's name, slammed Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police for supporting the registry.

Breitkreuz apologized for the missive, which he said he didn't write.

The opposition parties accused Breitkreuz and Prime Minister Stephen Harper of hiding behind a staffer to avoid taking responsibility for a "disgraceful" insult to police chiefs.

The tempest deflected attention from Tory efforts to lambaste Ignatieff's decision this week to require all Liberal MPs to vote

"It shows the hypocrisy of the law and order party ..."

Michael Ignatieff

against a private member's bill that would scrap the long-gun registry.

The Tories launched radio ads yesterday, saying the bill — which passed at second reading with the support of eight Liberals and a dozen New Democrats — is now in jeopardy due to Ignatieff's new marching orders to his caucus.

The ads are targeted at the ridings of the eight Liberals and urge their constituents to pressure the MPs to defy their leader.

But the Breitkreuz missive gave Ignatieff a chance to go on the offensive.

"My view of this is that it shows the hypocrisy of the law and order party they're supposed to be," Ignatieff said of the Tories.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

LAW An immigration judge has been found guilty of offering to approve a refugee claimant's application in exchange for sex. Steve Ellis, 50, had pleaded not guilty to breach of trust and bribery, but was convicted on both counts

yesterday. Ellis was the adjudicator at Ji Hye Kim's refugee hearing in 2006. A Toronto court heard she interpreted comments Ellis made as him proposing a physical relationship, which made her uncomfortable. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Rahim Jaffer, right, and business partner Patrick Glemaud prepare to testify on Parliament Hill yesterday.

I love her dearly, says Jaffer

Former MP says sorry to Guergis — and defends his reputation

POLITICS Former Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer says he never lobbied the government on behalf of his company, never used his wife's parliamentary perks for business — and never used illegal drugs.

The one-time Tory up-and-comer wavered between defiance and shame as he took the hot seat yesterday before a Commons committee looking into his business dealings and accusations of improper lobbying.

"She's the most important person in my life."

Rahim Jaffer, talking about Helena Guergis

He bristled as he spoke of reputations being ruined "on the basis of rumour and unsubstantiated allegations for short-term political gain."

He choked up as he apologized to his family and his wife, Helena Guergis,

who lost her cabinet job amid the swirl of allegations about Jaffer's business dealings.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper suspended Guergis from the Tory caucus and called in the RCMP.

"She's the most important person in my life and I love her dearly and it is very unfortunate that her good name has been dragged into my problems so unfairly," Jaffer said.

He flatly denied lobby-

ing the government. He said any conversations he had with ministers never went beyond social chit chat.

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Fantastic teachers never forgotten

Relating

Sofi Papamarko

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You never forget your favourite teacher. I've had some great ones over the years.

Mrs. Metcalfe encouraged my creativity and allowed us to put on our own insane fifth-grade version of *The Phantom Of The Opera*. My middle school teacher, Miss Wilkinson, encouraged lively political debate and wept openly while reading us *Sadako And The Thousand Paper Cranes*. Mr. Chow's dry sense of humour made the multiplication of fractions tolerable. And John Lazarus and I stayed in

email touch years after I took his playwriting course in university.

But it's my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Williams, who will be my forever-favourite.

Mrs. Williams was kind, patient, fair, calm and much loved. She read us stories, taught us to count to 100 on an abacus and never once raised her voice. I remember her gentle amusement whenever one of us

would slip up and call her "mom."

A few weeks ago, I was unexpectedly reunited with Mrs. Williams. She looked like a smaller and greyer version of her very same self. The rush of emotion I felt at seeing her again surprised me.

For my friend Neil Pasricha, blogger and author of the freshly launched feel-good tome *The Book Of Awesome*, it was his third

grade teacher who stood out above the rest.

"I was pretty much the shyest kid ever," Pasricha recalls.

Mrs. Dorsman encouraged Pasricha to read out loud to the class and had him solve math problems on the blackboard.

Having recently read an article on *The Book Of Awesome* in the *Toronto Star*, Stella Dorsman contacted the author to see if he was

the same Neil Pasricha she taught at Sunset Heights Public School. You can read their correspondence here: <http://1000awesome-things.com> (April 16 post).

Teaching is a difficult and often thankless job. If you've ever had a teacher who made a difference in your life, thank them. It will mean the world.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Learning the value of social networking

GlobalView

Mona Eltahawy

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When the volcano with the unpronounceable name erupted in Iceland, I was co-coined in Oxford, England, attending the Skoll World Forum, an annual conference for social entrepreneurs.

I had no idea what a social entrepreneur was until

I was asked to speak about social networking and its impact on the Middle East. I learned that the inspiring men and women who had gathered at Oxford University applied entrepreneurial principles to solve social problems and help bring about change.

My contribution was to show how women in the Middle East used social networking sites to fight for their rights and to network, thereby building a virtual community, which translated into a community in the real world that offered support and solidarity.

And it was here in London where I became a "volcano refugee" who learned the value of social networking to my own life. Through Facebook I heard from friends all over the world, offering support to soothe the stress of not knowing when I could fly home again.

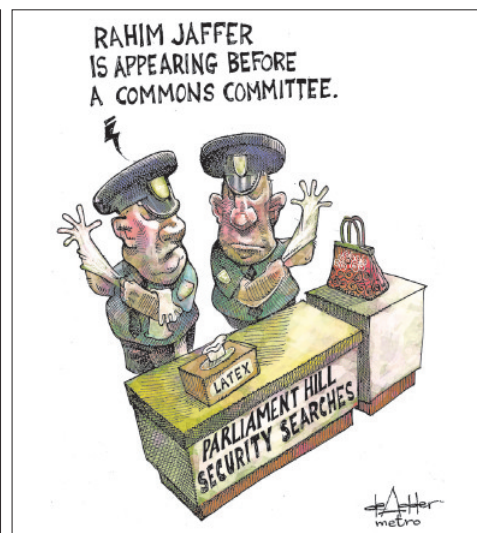
But this "volcano refugee" also remembered the value of old-fashioned networking, too, thanks to "real life" friends who took me in when my flight was cancelled.

Looking up and seeing no planes in the sky was a

stark reminder of just how prehistoric it is to be stranded because of a volcano. But being grounded was a chance, too, for some good old-fashioned rest and a sober reminder that if the uncertainty of being a "volcano refugee" was exhausting, then the trauma of being a refugee was almost impossible to assuage.

When we're forced to slow down, gratitude can come fast and easy.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



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Pirates attack the wrong ship

A French military spokesman says pirates mistakenly attacked a French warship off the coast of Somalia and six were captured. Col. Patrick Steiger says the attackers fired eight rounds from automatic weapons on La Somme, a 3,800-ton refuelling ship — but missed.

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World



Former IOC head Samaranch dies at 89

Juan Antonio Samaranch, a reserved but shrewd dealmaker whose 21-year term as president of the International Olympic Committee was marked by both the unprecedented growth of the Games and its biggest ethics scandal, died yesterday in a Barcelona hospital. He was 89. Samaranch, a former Spanish diplomat, led the IOC from 1980 to 2001. He was considered one of the defining presidents for building the IOC into a powerful global organization and firmly establishing the Olympics as a world force.

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Pakistan **Waiting for water**



An Afghan refugee child who lives in the slum area of Lahore, Pakistan, waits to get water yesterday. In an unstable nation like Pakistan, water shortages can easily become security threats. So warns scholar Anatol Lieven: "Water shortages present the greatest future threat to the viability of Pakistan as a state."

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Have money, will travel

Private jet operators see surge in business as wealthy look for flight options

For those with deep pockets, there was one way to beat the ash cloud hovering over Europe: hire a private jet.

Seizing their chance, operators — who had been suffering from a slump in demand due to the global economic crisis — tried to meet a surge in flight requests and make a bundle using their privileged access to the few airports that remained open.

Now that restrictions are slowly being lifted across the continent, the industry is banking on the backlog that passengers face on regular airlines to pick up travellers willing to pay almost any price to get home or make that crucial meeting.

And it's not just execu-

tives who've scrambled to the exclusive end of the aviation market. Athletes, opera singers and even holiday makers booked themselves onto private jets when all else failed.

"We've had calls from 6 a.m. to midnight," said Eymeric Segard, founder of Geneva-based LunaJets SA. "It's been absolutely hectic."

The company saw a 50 per cent rise in demand during the airspace shutdown compared with the previous week, he said.

A one-way journey from London to Teterboro, New York, cost \$33,400 US for the entire 15-seater jet,

while 12 seats on the lesser-travelled route from Boston to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, could be had for \$53,500.

Among the discreet world of private aviation, no names were mentioned. Segard said his company flew an opera singer to Moscow, but declined to provide details.

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Airlines' loss close to \$2B: Group

SKIES Airlines lost at least \$1.7 billion US in revenue during the volcanic ash crisis, an industry group said yesterday as the debate heated up over whether European governments were justified in shutting down their airspace for so long.

Planes were flying into all of Europe's top airports — London's Heathrow, Paris' Charles de Gaulle and Germany's hub at Frankfurt. Still experts predicted it could take days — even more than a week — to clear a backlog of after 102,000 flights were cancelled around the world.

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News in brief

VATICAN Pope Benedict XVI pledged yesterday that the Catholic Church would take action to confront the clerical sex abuse scandal, his first public

remarks calling for change since the crisis erupted. Benedict wept alongside abuse victims in Malta on Sunday.

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A man told the trial of former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic that he survived a massacre by feigning death beneath bodies of men who had been gunned down. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

U.K. politician laughs off leaked notes found in cab

LONDON The saga of the lost and found dossier relating to U.K. Liberal Democrat Leader Nick Clegg's debate preparations has added a new twist to the 2010 general election campaign, already one of the closest and

most unpredictable in recent British history.

Sloppy staffers seem to be at fault. Someone left handwritten notes advising Clegg on how to handle the upcoming debate with Prime Minister Gordon Brown and

Conservative party chief David Cameron behind in a cab. Inevitably, they were leaked to the Sun newspaper, which published them yesterday.

Clegg laughed off the publication of the notes,

which his campaign conceded were authentic.

"I'm glad to see my top team preparing for government by developing a habit of leaving secret dossiers in the back of cabs," he said.

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Problems cited in marriage

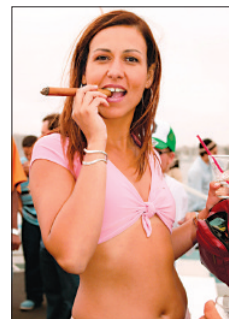
A TV producer's correspondence with his wife, who was found dead at a Mexican resort, indicated problems in their marriage, a prosecutor said yesterday.

Rodolfo Garcia Pliego, the assistant attorney general of the Caribbean coast state of Quintana Roo, said the mother and sisters of victim Monica Beresford-Redman showed him "a series of exchanges" between the woman and her husband, Bruce Beresford-Redman.

"Excuse me for not releasing the contents of the documents, which showed the state of the relationship," he told reporters after meeting with the family.

"It appears there were problems there."

Prosecutors say Beresford-Redman, a former producer of *Survivor* and co-creator of the *Pimp My Ride* show, is a suspect in the slaying of his wife. Her body was discovered April 8 in a sewer at the Moon Palace



Monica Beresford-Redman's body was found April 8 in Cancun, Mexico.

Resort in Cancun two days after the producer said she had failed to return from a shopping trip.

The victim's sister, Jeane Burgos, told reporters after the meeting that "we have delivered more evidence."

"We are happy with the work authorities are doing to get justice for my sister," Burgos said.

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Luxury train derails in South Africa, killing two

PRETORIA A luxury train filled with foreign tourists, many of them Americans, sped downhill out of control before derailing yesterday, killing a pregnant woman and another crew member and trapping passengers in the mangled coaches.

Rail officials advised passengers and crew to jump from the train as it sped into Pretoria, South Africa's capital, after their attempts to apply the brakes did not work.

"I screamed at the others to tell them to jump off," said Rovos Rail Managing Director Rohan Vos. "I jumped off while it was

moving." The Rovos Rail voyage had begun in Cape Town and was close to its destination in Pretoria when it stopped for what is usually a routine change from an electric to a steam locomotive, said Nothemba Dlati of Metro Rail, which oversees rail service in South Africa's major population centres. The train trip is billed as a re-creation of the golden age of travel.

Dlati said the train began moving after the electric locomotive was removed but before the steam engine could be attached, and gathered speed while rolling down a slope.

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Parents may speak for disabled woman: Judge

A Los Angeles judge says the parents of a severely disabled woman can fight for their daughter's right to receive visits from her three-year-old triplets. Abbie Dorn was left unable to move or speak after a botched delivery of the triplets in 2006. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



South Park creators Matt Stone, left, and Trey Parker.

South Park creators threatened

A radical Muslim group has warned the creators of South Park that they could face violent retribution for depicting the prophet Muhammad in a bear suit during last week's episode.

The website Revolution-Muslim.com has since been taken down, but a

cached version shows the message to South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

The article's author, Abu Talhah Al-Amrikee, said the men "outright insulted" the religious leader.

The posting showed a gruesome picture of Theo Van Gogh, a Dutch film-

maker who was shot and stabbed to death in an Amsterdam street in 2004 by a fanatic angered by his film about Muslim women.

The film was written by a Muslim woman who rejected the Prophet Muhammad as a guide for today's morality.

"We have to warn Matt

and Trey that what they are doing is stupid and they will probably wind up like Theo Van Gogh for airing this show," Al-Amrikee wrote.

"This is not a threat, but a warning of the reality of what will likely happen to them."

Al-Amrikee told The As-

sociated Press that the posting was made to raise awareness of the issue and to see that it does not happen again.

Asked if Parker and Stone should feel threatened by it, he said "they should feel threatened by what they did."

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Coroner's transcript on OK Corral fight found

HISTORY A missing handwritten transcript from a coroner's inquest done after the legendary gunfight at the OK Corral has resurfaced in a dusty box more than 125 years after the most famous shootout in Wild West history. The document had been missing for decades — last seen when it was photocopied in the 1960s.

It was found when court clerks stumbled on the box while reorganizing files in an old jail storage room in Bisbee, south of Tombstone, the Arizona frontier town where the gunbattle took place.

Stuffed inside the box was a modern manila envelope marked "keep" with the date 1881.

The inquest was done after lawmen Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and Doc Holliday confronted a gang of drunken outlaws, sparking a 30-second gunbattle in the streets of Tombstone that killed Frank and Tom McLaury and Bill Clanton. It made folk heroes of Earp and Holliday and inspired numerous movies about the untamed Old West.

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News in brief

BRAZIL An 83-year-old Brazilian priest detained on allegations of sexually abusing young boys has been moved from jail to house arrest and authorities told a newspaper published yesterday they are investigating allegations his accusers extorted money from him. Monsignor Luiz Marques Barbosa was taken into custody Sunday after an investigation by Brazil's legislature produced allegations that he molested former alter boys as young as 12.

U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday he will choose a Supreme Court nominee who pays heed to women's rights and personal privacy when interpreting the Constitution, but also that their stance on abortion would not be the only relevant factor for him to consider.

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Movie studio Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. yesterday urged shareholders to reject billionaire investor Carl Icahn's offer to buy up outstanding shares for \$7 each. The board unanimously rejected the buyout offer and said in a statement it was "financially inadequate, opportunistic and coercive." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Group buyers saving big

Fiyaz Keshwani has always been one to barter and is never happy paying full price when shopping. So when he found out he could get movie tickets at almost half off by jumping through a few hoops, he figured it'd be worth a little hassle for a great deal.

The 27-year-old from Edmonton turned to the Internet, collected money from dozens of fellow movie fans online and arranged to buy

1,500 tickets directly through Cineplex Odeon at wholesale prices.

Companies like Costco and Sam's Club have long been known for leveraging the power of bulk buying to get lower prices. Now, consumers are turning to the Internet to find better deals by buying in big numbers.

"It stems from movies being expensive and prices have been going up quite a bit over the years," Kesh-

wani said in explaining why he's organized eight separate movie ticket bulk purchases so far, which are often called "group buys."

"When I first started, the minimum requirement for tickets was only 300 and so that was in my opinion a very achievable goal, especially when I was taking out 20 to 50 myself. And then it wasn't that hard to get rid of the rest of them. And it just expanded from there."

Keshwani admits organizing the mass purchase and mailing out all the tickets to buyers is "quite a bit of manual work" but he said it's worth it for the deeply discounted movies. He also receives donations from appreciative buyers who sometimes send him a few extra dollars for his efforts. One grateful buyer even sent him \$80 after buying 300 tickets.

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'Be very careful' with 3-D TVs

TECHNOLOGY 3-D or not 3-D? That's the question many TV lovers are asking now that the three-dimensional experience has come to the small screen.

But one manufacturer's warning may prompt parents and pregnant women to think twice about allowing space heroes and pirates to jump off the screen into their living rooms.

Samsung Electronics Canada, which recently introduced its 3-D TV in this country, admits the company has only now started to study the long-term effects of watching 3-D television using its "active" glasses which shutter on and off.

"Your left eye shutters 60 times per second and your right eye shutters 60 times per second (with the glasses)," marketing director Robert Gumiela said in an interview.

"We're not sure how you react to shuttering, but

we're issuing this warning: 'Be very careful. If you start to feel dizzy, stop watching.'"

Samsung issued a 3-D warning several weeks ago and Gumiela says it was done "to make sure we're doing our due diligence."

The advisory also urges parents to watch their children for lightheadedness and involuntary movements like eye or muscle twitching.

Gumiela was asked why pregnant women, the elderly and people with serious medical conditions were also told to avoid 3-D.

"We don't have any concrete evidence yet, but the legal teams have just said, 'Let's cover all bases just in case,'" he said.

Samsung does not recommend watching 3-D "if you are in bad physical condition, need sleep or have been drinking alcohol."

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Business in brief

SALE Another piece of the Nortel Networks empire has been sold, with the Canadian company's interest in a Korean op-

eration going to LM Ericsson for \$242 million US. Nortel announced the sale late Tuesday.

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Macau Gamblers welcome



Attendants welcome customers yesterday to the casino of Wynn Encore Macau, the newest resort built by Steve Wynn. The billionaire opened his latest hotel and casino in Macau yesterday and said he aims to start building a massive new resort in the Chinese gambling mecca next year.

Gas company's Q1 profits improve

NATURAL GAS Encana Corp.'s first-quarter profit soared to \$1.48 billion US, three times higher than it was a year earlier, as the accounting impact of its hedging program more than offset lower market prices for natural gas.

Canada's largest natural gas company, which reports in U.S. dollars, said yesterday ahead of its shareholders meeting that the increased net income was due to \$912 million in unrealized gains from hedging.

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Flaherty rejects global bank tax

TAX There is no way Canada will co-operate with attempts to impose a global tax on banks, says Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

In a speech to a Toronto financial audience yesterday, he lashed out at the international campaign to impose taxes and levies on banks to create a fund in case of future bailouts.

"We believe that Canadian taxpayers should not bear the costs of bailouts of financial institutions in other countries," Flaherty told the conference, a day before heading to Washington to make the same argument to his international colleagues.

The International Monetary Fund has just endorsed the idea, saying G20 countries should make all financial institutions pay into such funds, and should also considering a new tax on bank profits and pay.

But Flaherty said such taxes create an incentive for banks to behave recklessly, since they know they'll be bailed out if worst comes to worst.

"Let me make that even clearer," he said. "Canada will not go down the path of excessive, arbitrary or punitive regulation of its financial sector."

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Facebook Game changer?



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg delivers a keynote address yesterday at a conference in San Francisco. Facebook is spreading its wings to the broader web, a move that could change the way people experience the online world, though it could come with privacy implications. Zuckerberg says the new tools will allow users to see personalized versions of other websites they visit.

GM CEO says carmaker has repaid government loans

PAYMENT General Motors Co. has repaid the \$8.1 billion US in loans it got from the U.S. and Canadian governments, a move its CEO says is a sign automaker is on the road to recovery.

GM CEO Whitacre announced the loan paybacks — \$8.4 billion US including interest — yesterday at the company's Fairfax Assembly Plant in Kansas City, Kansas.

GM had made about \$2 billion in loan payments to the U.S. government and \$384 million to Canada in De-

cember and March and had promised to repay the full loans by June. But company officials have said its cash flow, mainly from the sales of newer models, has been better than expected, allowing it to make the remaining \$5.8 billion in payments early — about \$1.1 billion to Export Development Canada and another \$4.7 billion to the U.S. Treasury Department.

Whitacre also announced that GM is investing \$257 million in factories.

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Heineken earnings up

Dutch brewer Heineken NV says its first-quarter operating earnings rose, despite falling sales. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Pension assets growing again

A major investment services firm suggests the Canadian pension crisis may be winding down, despite the drag caused by a persistently high loonie.

RBC Dexia Investor Services says Canadian pension assets have gained in value for four straight quarters, growing 22.1 per cent over the 12 months ended March 31. However, it says the high value of the Canadian dollar hampered growth somewhat, saying currency losses outpaced stock market gains. The firm's analysis of a selection of pensions with \$340 bil-

Net loss

It's not all good news. The loonie's 23 per cent surge over the year resulted in a 0.1 per cent loss for pensions when their foreign assets were converted into Canadian dollars.

lion in assets found domestic equity drove the recovery, growing 44.7 per cent over the year. RBC Dexia's director of advisory services says Q1 of 2009 may have "marked the end of the financial crisis for Canadian pensions." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Metro will continue pharmacies

RETAIL Supermarket giant Metro Inc. remains committed to expanding its pharmacy network despite the pending Ontario government changes that would significantly reduce proceeds to pharmacies from sales of generic drugs.

Metro chief executive Eric LaFleche said the company will assess the impact once the final measures are adopted in Ontario, which is trying to control health spending and trim its \$21-billion deficit.

"But we remain committed to that business and we think we're in a good position to grow in that business," he said yesterday during a conference call to discuss the company's higher second-quarter profits.

The Montreal-based grocery retailer saw its profits grow during the period despite facing food price deflation. That prompted its board to raise its quarterly dividend by 23.6 per cent to 17 cents per share.

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BREWING Soaring profits last year prompted Molson Coors to open the financial taps to reward the brewer's senior executives with large bonus and stock option increases.

Chief executive Peter Swinburn, 58, received more than \$9.4 million US in total compensation, up

from \$6 million US in 2008, according to a proxy circular filed with U.S. regulators.

The British native, who has headed Molson Coors since July 2008, earned \$2.1 million US in bonuses last year, up from \$824,000 US a year earlier.

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Today, Metro Homes focuses on first-time home buying. So, if you are looking to buy a home, or just thinking about it, this is the issue for you.

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Water permeability is a factor to consider

SEAN KOLENKO
for Metro Vancouver

Stepping into the real estate game for first-time homebuyers can be a daunting task in the country's most expensive market.

While Vancouver has seen dips in property prices and interest rates over the past couple years — providing some hope in a market that once seemed to be spiraling out of control — there are still a number of factors involved in buying that first piece of property that can overwhelm a buyer.

But, according to realtor Jeff Fitzpatrick, talking to your real estate agent, doing your homework and arming yourself with the knowledge of the fundamentals of a property can make that all-important first home purchase a manageable one.

One of the essential features of a property in Vancouver is water permeability. Ensuring that any property has gone through proper maintenance — rain screening in some cas-



Real Estate Map
Vancouver

es — will add value and save buyers money down the road.

Buildings built between 1985 and 1999 are seen as especially vulnerable to the elements.

Other hallmarks to examine are the age of the roof, age of the plumbing

and drain tiles. Buyers looking at condo properties should also examine the condition of common areas, parking and the size both the locker and in suite storage. Whether or not the building allows renters may also affect the value.

Here's a look at what buyers can expect in a few of Vancouver's neighbourhoods:

FALSE CREEK NORTH

- For \$500,000 — with a water view and high ceilings — buyers are looking at about a 700-square foot, one-bedroom condo.

- This area is dominated by Concord Pacific and properties are known for their amenities — pool, gym, and sauna are the norm

- Some older, two-bedroom properties have gone for \$525,000 but do not last long on the market.

GRANDVIEW WOODLANDS/COMMERCIAL DRIVE AREA

- 900 sq. ft. two bed and two bath units in wood frame buildings have recently sold for \$389,000

- Prices on main corridors — Broadway or 1st Ave. — will sell for cheaper, with one bedroom condos usually priced around \$285,000.

MAIN ST.

- Entry level one-bedroom units, located between Fraser and Main streets, are priced between \$250,000 and \$300,00

- Slightly older buildings dominate this area and shared laundry is a hallmark

- In the SoMa neighbourhood (from Main St. and Broadway to 16 Ave.) two bedroom units are priced around \$450,000

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- North of 4th Ave (from 4th Ave to the beach) a 600 sq. ft. loft recently sold for \$369,000

- A studio at 2nd Ave. and Maple St. is currently listed at \$269,000

- The standard lot — 4026 sq. ft. — for a home sells in the area of \$1.25 million.

Lots to learn before you buy your first property

MAT LECOMPTE
for Metro Canada

If you're thinking about taking the plunge into home ownership, know this: it's probably going to cost more than you think.

There are a number of costs associated with home-ownership that many first-time buyers tend to overlook. It's more than just trading in rent for mortgage payments.

In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage instalments; transfer taxes, carrying costs, closing costs, property taxes, utilities, lawyers, realtors and other miscellaneous expenses must all be accounted for.

It's easy to see how the cost of purchasing a home is more than the price tag.

Toronto-based realtor Melanie Piche says she even tells clients to set aside a "maintenance



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fund" to factor into their monthly mortgage payments.

Before jumping in to the market, it's a good idea to sit down with a professional. They can offer valuable insight about affording and operating a home.

"When I was buying my

first property," recalls realtor Brendan Powell, and realty brokerage partner with Piche. "I wish I had someone to walk me through it more."

According to both Powell and Piche, it's still a great climate for first time buyers. They say in the past

few months, this group has been responsible for about 50 per cent of their sales.

"First time buyers can save a lot of money that others simply can't," he says.

With government incentives like the Home Buyer's Plan, First Time Homebuy-

Mortgage brokers in demand

- The same things that are squeezing first-time homebuyers these days are creating a boom for mortgage brokers. Jim Murphy, president of the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Profes-

sionals, says brokers are in demand from first-time homebuyers because of climbing interest rates and new rules that crack down on who qualifies for a mortgage.

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ers Tax Credit and Land Transfer tax refunds — plus the fact they don't have to worry about selling a home — people wanting to get their feet wet in real estate have an advantage over their counterparts who already own.

But just because the conditions are attractive, Powell and Piche says there are plenty of issues new buyers haven't considered. Plus, purchasing a home can be pretty intimidating. That's where realtors like them can help.

"People have a lot of good questions they're embarrassed to ask," explains

Piche. "But our job is to provide the information they need to know."

Title insurance, says Powell, is something condo buyers don't generally consider. After all, many building owners have taken out insurance on the building. However, explains Powell, that coverage does nothing to protect the private spaces between the hallways and the windows. It's up to the unit owner to insure the contents of the living space — and not just the jewellery and plasma screen. Everything in it — including appliances — should be covered.

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Time to decorate

JENNIFER BILL
for Metro Canada

Decorating your first home can be a daunting task. Especially with little left in the bank after this massive purchase.

Yet like an artist with a blank canvas before him, that new set of house keys gives you the freedom to make your new home your own, your very own palette to reflect your personality.

High design on a budget does not have to mean low quality. There are many stylish pieces to be had that will not stress the

bank account — and subsequently a new marital relationship. The **George Eclipse** is a simple and conservative first 12-piece dining set. Walmart, \$39.97, walmart.ca.

"What I have found with first-time homebuyers is they are looking for good value and good quality, without having to settle for the standard catalogue piece," said Leslie Tokayer, broker at Royal LePage Partners Realty.

"They're more savvy about where they spend their money and how they spend it, since they just spent a lot on their first home. They want to purchase pieces that can grow with

Homes in Style

them."

Gone are the days of student living, with stained carpets, movie posters and old-fashioned furniture hand-me-downs.

"First-time homebuyers are no longer decorating with futons, or things you can put together with an Allen key," said

Tokayer, who works predominantly with first-time homebuyers. "They are no longer using their parents' old sofa. They are looking for modern and stylized pieces, art, unique pieces that will express their personality, that are functional and practical."

She says many of her clients this season are choosing dark hardwood on

main floors, Berber carpeting upstairs, sectional sofas with chaise lounges and sunweave roller blinds — a contemporary theme with clean lines, compact minimalist pieces, and neutrals with an urban flair.

Homebuyers can check out their happy reflections in the **Round, Encircled Mirror** with pieces of natural horn. West Elm, \$79, westelm.com.



A classic style, yet modern with clean geometric lines make up the new spring **Whisky Collection**, made from 100 per cent eco-friendly birch veneer strips in rich tones of browns, reds and caramels in a matte finish. Pictured are the **Whisky Queen Bed** (\$1,249), Urban Barn, urbanbarn.ca.



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Guy Carbonneau finally caught a glimpse of the Canadian team he envisioned coaching at the IIHF World U18 Championship. Jordan Weal had two goals and an assist yesterday as Canada avoided relegation with a 5-1 victory over Latvia. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sports

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Creator of Twins logo dies

The St. Paul illustrator who created the enduring Minnesota Twins logo of two players shaking hands across a river has died of cancer at age 80. Ray Barton was paid \$15 in 1961 to create the image, never thinking it would become the team's official logo. It's displayed on the Twins' uniforms and pennants and was turned into a giant sign that looms over the outfield at the team's new ballpark.

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Vancouver's Henrik Sedin, left, celebrates his go-ahead goal with Alexander Edler for a 5-4 lead over the Los Angeles Kings during the third period of last night's game in Los Angeles.

Sports in brief

SOCCER Gabriel Agbonlahor and James Milner fired Aston Villa to a 2-0 victory at Hull yesterday to maintain its slim chance of capturing fourth place in the Premier League and push the home side closer to relegation. Aston Villa climbed one place to sixth in the standings, but is still three points behind fourth-place Tottenham, which has a game in hand.

SOCCER Arjen Robben scored a second-half winner as Bayern Munich beat Lyon 1-0 in the first leg of a Champions League semifinal yesterday, a game in which both sides finished with 10 men.

BLUE JAYS Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Brian Tallet is

scheduled to undergo an MRI on his forearm today when the team hopes to identify an injury that landed the veteran starter on the disabled list amid a flurry of moves announced yesterday afternoon. Edwin Encarnacion was also placed on the 15-day disabled list with an arm injury. **NBA** Oklahoma City Thunder coach Scott Brooks was named the NBA's coach of the year after engineering the league's best turnaround. The Thunder won 27 more games this season than they did a year ago, going 50-32 and earning the No. 8 seed in the Western Conference playoffs with the NBA's youngest roster.

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Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger practises earlier this week at the team's training facility in Pittsburgh.

Roethlisberger hit with suspension

NFL Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was suspended for six games without pay yesterday for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy and ordered to undergo behavioural evaluation.

Commissioner Roger Goodell handed down the punishment a week after prosecutors decided not to charge Roethlisberger in a case involving a 20-year-old college student who accused him of sexually assaulting her in a Georgia nightclub in March.

Goodell said the league's conduct policy gave him the right to impose discipline regardless of whether he broke the law. "I recognize that the allegations in Georgia were disputed and that they did not result in criminal charges being filed against you," he said in his letter to the two-time Super Bowl winner, a six-year veteran. "My decision today is not based on a finding that you violated Georgia law,

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Sitting out all six games will cost Ben Roethlisberger an estimated \$2.8 million US.

or on a conclusion that differs from that of the local prosecutor. That said, you are held to a higher standard as an NFL player, and there is nothing about your conduct in Milledgeville that can remotely be described as admirable, responsible, or consistent with either the values of the league or the expectations of our fans."

Roethlisberger must undergo a "comprehensive behavioural evaluation by medical professionals" and may not attend any team off-season activities until that evaluation is completed.

The suspension could be reduced to four games for good behaviour.

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Canucks even up the series

(Series tied 2-2)

Canucks 6 Kings 4



Henrik Sedin scored the go-ahead goal with 2:52 to play, and the Vancouver Canucks scored four times in a wild third period to even the first-round series with a 6-4 victory over the Los Angeles Kings in Game 4 last night.

Mikael Samuelsson, Sami Salo and Ryan Kesler also scored in the final 12:31 for the third-seeded Canucks, who rallied from three one-goal deficits while standing

on the brink of a 3-1 series deficit.

After Salo put Vancouver ahead with 7:44 left, Wayne Simmonds answered for Los Angeles 1:02 later.

Sedin then got loose on a rush, and the NHL scoring champion put his first goal of the series behind Jonathan Quick, who made 31 saves for the Kings.

Game 5 is Friday night in Vancouver, with Game 6 back at Staples Center on Sunday.

Roberto Luongo made 22 saves and Daniel Sedin had three assists as the Canucks won despite yielding two more power-play goals to the Kings, who have nine in the series.

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Capitals push Canadiens to brink of elimination

(Washington leads 3-1)

Capitals 6 Canadiens 3



NHL Alex Ovechkin scored two goals and Semyon Varlamov made 36 saves as the Washington Capitals defeated the Montreal Canadiens 6-3 last night to put a chokehold on the first-round NHL playoff series.

The Capitals lead the best-of-seven Eastern Con-

ference quarter-final 3-1 and can wrap it up with a victory on home in Washington tomorrow night.

Mike Knuble also scored twice and Jason Chimera and Nicklas Backstrom each had one for Washington, although only four of the goals were on Carey Price, who replaced Jaroslav Halak as the Canadiens starter.

Knuble's second and Backstrom's goal were into empty nets between a late goal by Montreal's Dominic Moore.

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NFL GMs plotting their picks

DRAFT Sam Bradford chucked footballs to Pop Warner players. Ndamukong Suh posed for dozens of cameras. Gerald McCoy surveyed the Central Park landscape.

While the top prospects enjoyed New York yesterday, general managers and personnel directors throughout the NFL pondered the most unique draft in years.

Not only is this year's crop stocked with players such as Nebraska defensive tackle Suh, Oklahoma quarterback Bradford and Sooners teammate McCoy, but the three-day setup is new. The draft kicks off tonight in prime time for the first time. The second and third rounds are Friday night, with the final four rounds Saturday.

Bradford, Suh and McCoy figure to go 1-2-3 overall. No wonder they were all smiles during a variety of league-staged events.

"It's fun and it's important," Suh said as he watched dozens of youth players scramble around a makeshift artificial turf field.

The real scramble begins at 4:30 today, and the All-American considered the best defensive tackle coming out of college in more than a decade has no clue where he will land.

"I have no idea what's going to happen," he said. "I haven't had anyone tell me that they want to draft me. There could be a lot of trades. There could be someone a team really wants."

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS

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It was just 30 years ago that the first blue box became a part of life ~ by Ylva Van Buuren

In fact, 250 hand-assembled blue boxes were distributed in a Kitchener, Ontario neighbourhood with instructions to separate bottles, cans, and newspapers out of the garbage so the city could pick them up separately.

"It was a highly successful pilot project... and within 15 years, every household in the province had a blue box," explains Derek Stephenson, President, StewardEdge Inc., and the man who spearheaded the program. Of course, blue boxes are now part of the landscape across Canada, and this kind of recycling has extended throughout the United States (just the colour of the box is different) and into parts of Europe too. Our blue box program is just one example of how Canada has taken a leading role in environmental protection.

"It is crucial that environmental awareness become part of our value system—and that's what has happened," says Stephenson. "People want to do the right thing—and will participate when they believe they are."

Another great example of how change occurs is when Canadians made the link between everyday products such as hairspray and deodorant and the widening hole in the ozone layer. The movement to remove the offending chemicals, called CFCs, led to the

1989 Montreal Protocol, which banned CFCs and ultimately became one of the most widely-adopted protocols around the world!

Environmental awareness—and action—is now widespread, whether it involves purchasing a green product, taking public transportation, changing the type of light bulbs you use, or taking part in activities such as the Green Living Show (this weekend), Canadian Environment Week, and Clean Air Day (in June). Earlier this month, hundreds of millions of people across the globe—a record 126 countries and territories—turned their lights off for Earth Hour in support of the World Wildlife Fund-led initiative.

But challenges still remain and the biggest one is to lighten our environmental footprint across the board. "People need to reduce, reuse, recycle—and re-think," says Stephenson. "It's important to ask yourself: What is the impact of what I am doing, and can I do it with a smaller environmental footprint?"

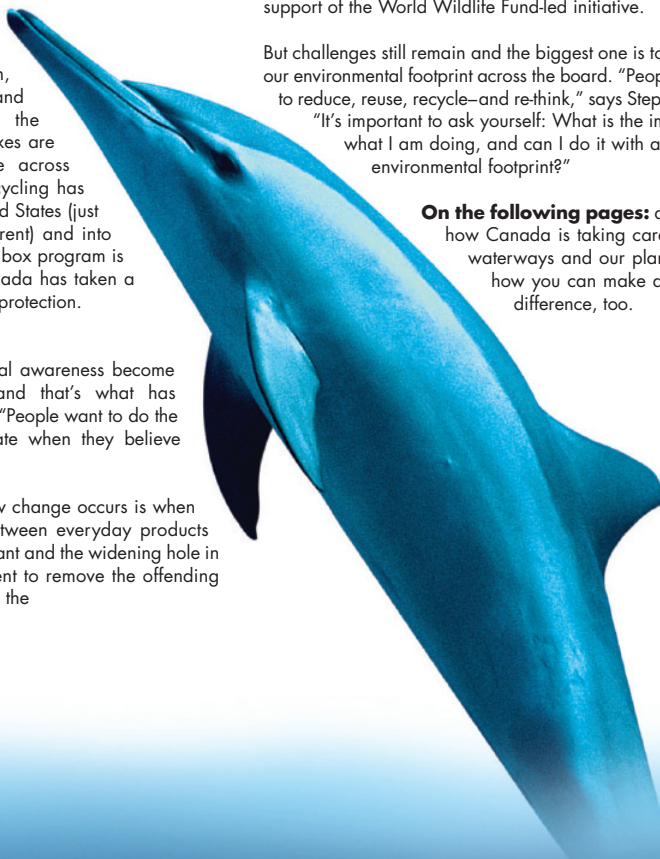
On the following pages: a look at how Canada is taking care of our waterways and our planet—and how you can make a bigger difference, too.

Every Little Bit Counts

If you were one of the more than 10 million adult Canadians who turned off the lights to mark Earth Hour this year, you helped to place this country, once again, at the top of the list for global participation. But organizers say the no-power hour accomplished much more than temporarily shrink the country's electricity load.

The idea, says Keith Stewart, director of the climate change program with World Wildlife Fund Canada, was to put the spotlight on how little changes can add up to make a big difference.

If every Canadian, for example, switched one regular light bulb for an energy-efficient compact fluorescent (CFL) bulb, the World Wildlife Fund estimates it would be equal to taking 57,000 cars off the road. Also, if just nine families regularly walked their kids to school instead of driving them, they could prevent almost 1,000 kg of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere.



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Programs aim to reclaim our fresh water ~ *by Alex Newman*

"Although it is important today to be aware of how much water you are using and possibly wasting (Canadians consume a whopping 4,400 litres of water per day per person), water quality is becoming a big issue too," says Mark Mattson, director of the non-profit watchdog organization, Waterkeepers. "In fact, water may be a bigger polluter than air," he says.

But when it comes to water, it's not all bad news. Provincial and federal governments have cranked up their efforts to help protect waterways, funding cities to rebuild water system infrastructures that have been neglected with the past several decades of growth, says Mattson.

The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME), a 15-year-old forum for collaborating on environmental issues, has devised a national action plan to increase municipal water use efficiency and to protect drinking water from source to tap.

To address potential water shortages, Agriculture Canada is looking at ways to capture water during spring snow melt for storage behind dams or in reservoirs to use for later irrigation. The ministry is also investigating use of lower-moisture crops and management practices for improving crop production.

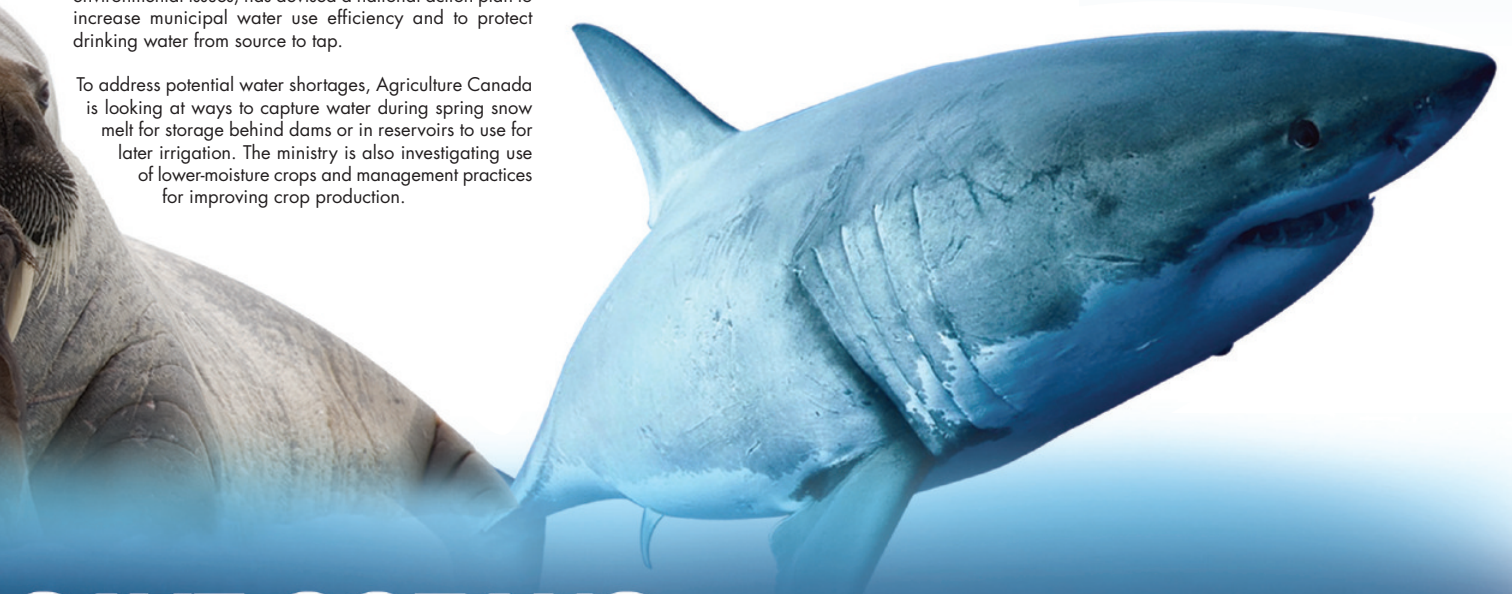
April also marks a major environmental success story in Canada. Mattson explains, "The opening of the causeway gates on the Petitcodiac River in Moncton has launched the biggest fish restoration project in the world and will take the river off the endangered list!"

What you can do:

- Reduce water consumption: run full dishwasher loads, trade in your old toilet for a low flow model, buy a front load washer, collect rainwater for the garden
- Divert waste that can leach into the water table at garbage sites: properly dispose of wet food wastes (in compost), leftover medicines (return to your drugstore who will dispose of it safely), and chemicals such as leftover paint, varsol, etc. (bring to a drop off depot; check your municipality for the location)
- Check out waterkeepers.ca or, better yet, start your own local chapter
- Help clean up shorelines by volunteering for the Great Canadian Shore Cleanup (Sept 18-26, 2010) www.shorelinecleanup.ca

Steps That Add Up

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving
- Pass on the plasma TV—it uses five times as much energy as other models
- Unplug electronics when not in use, or use a power bar
- Shower, don't bathe, and keep it short—switch to a low-flow shower head
- Cook with a microwave, electric frying pan, toaster oven or slow cooker rather than stovetop or oven
- Don't shop, swap—organize a book or clothing exchange with friends or make use of online sites such as Kijiji or Freecycle
- Place chairs next to windows for daytime reading
- Try carpooling and telecommuting at work
- Avoid plane travel if possible
- Use a laptop instead of a desktop
- Print on both sides of your paper
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Loblaw Offers Sustainable Choice

Local and sustainable sources are Loblaw's top priority ~ by Lori Dance



The world's oceans are facing an unprecedented crisis, with much of the world's fish stock either fully exploited or over-exploited. As well, the impact of carbon consumption is prompting consumers to look closer to home for their produce. Loblaw has taken these concepts to heart by setting goals that address the need for sustainability and environmental responsibility.

In 2009, Loblaw announced a comprehensive sustainable seafood initiative, committing to source 100% of seafood sold in their stores from sustainable sources by the end of 2013; this covers all canned, frozen, fresh, wild, and farmed seafood products in all categories—both private label and national brands.

To help them achieve their goal, Loblaw is partnering with WWF-Canada, the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), marine scientists, conservation experts, and fisheries. "This initiative is one of the most ambitious and comprehensive steps we have seen from a grocery retailer in Canada and, indeed, the world," says Gerald Butts, President and CEO of WWF-Canada (www.wwf.ca). "When fulfilled, the Loblaw initiative will go a long way to help conserve the well being of our oceans and marine life, setting an important example for other retailers to follow."

The Marine Stewardship Council (www.msc.org) is currently the only certification system that meets all of Loblaw's needs for wild-caught seafood, is global in scope, and is supported by leading international conservation organizations. Loblaw is committed to offering customers sustainable choices and continues to expand their line of Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)-certified products. They now offer 16 MSC-certified products in their stores, the most of any Canadian retailer. As well, as certain species are found to be at risk, Loblaw will temporarily suspend sales in their stores until a sustainable source is found.



For more information on their commitment to sustainability, visit their Facebook Fan Page at www.facebook.com/LoblawSustainableSeafood

University of Guelph Partnership

Loblaw's sustainability efforts don't just end on the shoreline, however. A \$3-million gift in April has enabled the University of Guelph (www.uoguelph.ca) to create the Loblaw Companies Limited Chair in Sustainable Food Production, the centre of the University's research focus on creating robust food production systems through education, research, practice, and outreach. "Working together, we can address the very issues that are at the root of today's global pressures around food sustainability," explains Galen G. Weston, executive chairman of Loblaw Companies Limited. "Through this initiative, we believe we can help to increase Canada's capacity to produce food sustainably, train tomorrow's industry leaders, contribute to policy development, meet consumers' needs, and nurture our environment. It represents the defining strategy for Loblaw over the next two decades."

Grown Close to Home™ program

To address the demand for locally grown produce, Loblaw supports local Canadian farmers and economies to bring Canadians exceptional flavours of produce picked at its peak. They partner with more than 400 growers across Canada. Over the past two years, the Grown Close to Home™ program has increased produce sales by more than 16% during the local harvest period.

Reducing the Carbon Footprint

Loblaw's commitment to waste and emissions reduction

It may surprise you to know that the grocery industry deals with the issue of waste on a daily basis in the form of wood pallets, plastic and cardboard packaging, glass bottles and cans, plastic shopping bags, and food that goes bad and runs short of its code life. As well, the amount of fuel necessary to transport goods through the supply chain has a significant impact on a supermarket's carbon footprint.

Since 2007, Loblaw has been working towards diverting 70% of their generated waste away from landfill, a goal that has already been achieved in their Atlantic corporate stores. Their approach is to focus on the areas where we can make the biggest impact: reduce, reuse and recycle where we can; use our own brands to innovate and drive change; and collaborate with municipalities, private industry and other key stakeholders to build infrastructure and markets.

In 2009, Loblaw introduced new initiatives to reduce their carbon production from the transportation of goods through their supply chain. Bunk heaters in tractor cabs keep drivers warm in the cold winter months, lowering fuel consumption from 4.0 litres per hour (when a tractor idles) to 0.2 litres per hour. Multi-axle trailers for their primary freight routes in Ontario and Quebec enable trucks to pull more weight using the same power source. In 2009, they recapped 80% of their tires instead of replacing them (production of a new tire uses approximately 83 litres of oil, while the recapping process uses only 26 litres). And finally, they reduced the maximum speed limit for their fleet to increase fuel efficiency, reduce wear and tear on equipment, and mitigate the risk of accidents.



To address the issue of food spoilage, Loblaw established partnerships with two companies in developing biogas facilities that will convert organic waste from select stores into a renewable energy source. As well, they have well-established processes for reclaiming unsaleable products and sending them to food banks whenever possible.

In 2009, Loblaw enlisted the help of their customers in reducing waste by no longer providing complimentary plastic shopping bags at checkout. In 2009 alone, these actions led to a 55% reduction in the use of plastic bags coming from their stores.

Minimizing the carbon footprint of the grocery industry is an incredibly daunting task. The challenges supermarkets face in mitigating their waste and fuel expenditure are often too easy to overlook and simply ignore in favour of maximizing their own bottom line. It's good to see a company such as Loblaw take steps to reduce its environmental impact.

Saving Energy in Loblaw's Supermarkets

Approximately 73% of Loblaw's carbon footprint is the result of the energy used in stores, distribution centres, and offices. Some of the energy efficiency improvements made at new and existing stores include:

- Replacing open freezers with closed-door units that reduce the amount of air that escapes
- Adding pull-down curtains to refrigerated cases
- Upgrading lighting systems to include motion-activated LED lighting in freezer cases and in low traffic areas of the store

- Installing automatic energy management systems which reduce lighting and energy use during hours of non-operation and ensure that mechanical, electrical, and refrigeration systems operate at maximum efficiency

Award Nominees Pave the Environmental Way

Environmental awards are a great way to learn how to make changes that make a difference ~ *Gilda Swartz*

The 2010 Green Toronto Awards, for example, recognize individuals, organizations and companies that are leading the way to a cleaner, greener and more livable city. Nine winners will be announced at the Green Living Show in Toronto on April 23. Here is a close-up look at three of the 27 nominees – what makes them special and how you can follow their lead. For more information, visit www.greenlivingonline.com

Turn nature into your playground

Most of us don't have easy access to fields and forests. That's why Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds (BNP) creates play areas that include fallen logs, hills, boulders and native plants. Bienenstock playgrounds, which meet all safety standards, are in parks, at childcare centres, YMCAs and other public spaces across Canada.

What you can do:

Take a hike – or bike – on your nearest nature trail. Include a nature guidebook and check out trees, insects and wildlife. Keep a list of what you see along the way.

Make your community more livable

With the help of 10,000 volunteers Evergreen, a national charity, has planted more than 50,000 trees and shrubs in Vancouver, Toronto and other urban centres, helped 140 youth turn 18 barren plots into wildflower gardens, and is transforming Toronto's once-deserted Don Valley Brick Works into an environmental centre. Evergreen offers grants, resources and workshops to people who want to green their communities.

What you can do:

Volunteer at a community garden or a tree-planting event. Support local food producers by buying their fruits, vegetables, wines and cheeses. Donate money to environmental programs.

Conserve and win

Wilmar Court is a seniors' housing project with young ideas about sustainable living. The 72-unit apartment in Scarborough, Ont., installed solar panels to pre-heat its hot water. Organic mulch enriches the grounds, and low-energy bulbs light the building.

What you can do:

At home, use biodegradable soaps and cleaners, buy compact fluorescent bulbs, use rain barrels to collect rainwater run-off, choose low VOC paints, mulch your garden naturally and install energy-efficient toilets.

Other Green Awards

- Earth Day Canada recognizes the importance of personal environmental achievement with their Hometown Heroes Awards
- The Royal Canadian Geographical Society and 3M Canada has a Canadian Award for Environmental Innovation to celebrate individuals involved in a project that protects, restores, or preserves the environment



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Taking a Greener Initiative

Toshiba Canada practices what they preach ~ by Lori Dance

We've all read about how companies are rolling out new product lines that use less energy and are better for the environment. But how far are they willing to go to prove their commitment to the environment when nobody else is looking?

"Toshiba has a 20-year history of environmental commitment and takes a long-term approach to helping better the environment by setting goals well into the future—such as the Toshiba Group's global Environmental Vision 2050," says Ralph Hyatt, President and CEO of Toshiba of Canada. "Based on the Kyoto Protocol, this program promises to improve our eco-efficiency by a factor of ten over the year 2000 through strict monitoring of our energy usage, manufacturing process improvements, and eco-conscious product development that will help make a difference today and for future generations."

The Toshiba Environmental Vision 2050 program seeks to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide by the equivalent of 117.7 million tons per year by 2025 and raise overall eco-efficiency tenfold by 2050 (compared to 2000). Just two years ago, 51% of Toshiba sites worldwide achieved zero emissions of waste, and 89% of Toshiba products did not contain any of a list of 15 harmful substances, including PCBs, Ozone-depleting substances, Cadmium, Lead, and

Mercury. And two years from now, Toshiba has set a target to achieve zero emissions of waste at all Toshiba sites worldwide, and 100% of Toshiba products will be free from 15 harmful substances.

Potential suppliers take a stringent, 22-point environmental performance survey, and priority is then assigned to companies with the highest survey scores. This not only results in greener products, but it also gives suppliers the incentives and resources needed to improve their environmental practices.

Their commitment to the environment doesn't just end at the manufacturing stage, however. At their Markham head office, employees receive a reusable mug when they begin their employment, and china and biodegradable containers have replaced Styrofoam in their cafeterias. Electronics and lights are turned off when not in use, programmable thermostats have been installed throughout the building, and employees are urged to exercise responsible printing practices (when printing is necessary, double-sided is the way to go). Their current average

percentage of waste that goes to the landfill is 12.4%—by the end of this year, they hope to meet the Toshiba corporate global objective.

Toshiba's sponsorships also demonstrate their sense of environmental responsibility. In the past, Toshiba of Canada has partnered with Scouts Canada to provide a "Leave No Trace" environmental education program for leaders and youth and, this year, Toshiba is sponsoring the Hugh Garner Housing Co-Operative Green Roof program, providing over 70 trees and shrubs for what will be the largest residential green roof in Ontario. Toshiba employees have also organized a park clean up at Milne Park and have planted trees as part of the "Trees for Tomorrow" program in Markham.

So what does the future hold for Toshiba's commitment to the environment? Well, it appears as though they've set the bar pretty high for themselves, both internally and in their public practices. It will be interesting to see how they manage to reach these lofty goals and make new ones in the years to come.



Lowering Your Energy Bill

Electronics go environmental in this year's Toshiba lineup

It's April 22 again, and you're likely hearing the same old green tips: Use compact fluorescent bulbs. Turn off the water when you're brushing your teeth. Turn on only what you're using. But did you know that upgrading your electronics is one way you can help save the environment? We took a look at a couple of products from Toshiba's lineup to see how we can justify the purchase of some shiny new toys...

If you're in the market for a new television, you're in luck. All REGZA TVs from 2009 onward have earned the ENERGY STAR label which, in 2010, raised its requirements from the previous ENERGY STAR 3.0 to 4.0 to limit power consumption in On and Standby modes—simply put, they use less energy, which saves both money and environmental impact.

In fact, Toshiba's current REGZA lineup of 2010 LED backlit TVs use 30–42% less energy than the previous LCD series that used CCFL (Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lamps) for backlighting. As well, if you're looking to make the leap to a brand-new slimmer and lighter LED TV, you can justify your purchase with the fact that TVs with LED backlighting are mercury free, emit less heat, and are more energy efficient than their predecessors—and all current REGZA TVs contain recycled plastics from old TVs!

If it's a notebook you're after, it may interest you that Toshiba Consumer and Commercial notebooks from 2010 onwards are EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental

Assessment Tool) Gold and Energy Star 5.0 certified, which means that they contain reduced levels of cadmium, lead, and mercury—and they're more energy efficient and easier to upgrade and recycle.

The Portégé R600 notebook from Toshiba has an LED backlit display, the latest CPUs, and the use of a solid state drive, which translates into low energy consumption and a longer battery life. As well, the factory in which the Portégé series is manufactured recovers and recycles waste generated during the manufacturing process.

So whether you're looking for a sleek new TV that's easier on the eyes (and your energy bill) or you'd like to pick up a notebook that goes longer between charges, it looks like Toshiba's lineup this year has what you're after. And it's better for the environment. So go ahead and spoil yourself.



Recycle Your Electronics for Free

The TERRE program does the legwork for you

When non-functioning electronics are simply thrown out, they are sent to landfills where toxic elements can seep into our ecosystem and can pose a significant risk to our health and the environment. But did you know that there's a program in Canada that allows you to recycle your old products with just a few keystrokes?

Toshiba's Environmental Recovery and Recycling Effort (TERRE) is a program that will pick up your non-functioning notebook computer, projector, LCD monitor, or Pocket PC (regardless of manufacturer) and ensure that it is disposed of in an environmentally respectful manner—at no cost to you.

The components of your electronics are separated to maximize their usefulness in their next application: Plastics are recycled into useful materials such as building foundation pads, agricultural containers, and plastic lumber; circuit boards are smelted; and metal portions are reprocessed into basic commodities such as copper, aluminum, and steel.

On a global level, Toshiba is targeting the collection and recycling of 146 million pounds (73,000 tons) of e-waste in 2010. For those products that can't be reused or recycled, Toshiba will facilitate safe and proper disposal.

Simply visit www.toshiba.ca/terre for more information and instructions on how to recycle your electronics easily and responsibly.



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Waste is a concern for Loblaws and for our industry. We have more than one thousand stores that generate waste in many forms, including, up until recently, millions of plastic shopping bags, most of which wound up in landfill. In 2007, we pledged to divert one billion plastic bags from landfill by the end of 2009. But that's not all we are doing. The company

launched a comprehensive store-level waste diversion program with a goal of diverting 70% of waste from landfill.

A responsible approach to business is part of what we do everyday. We care about the impact of our operations and believe that Loblaws can make a difference in ways that are good for the environment and good for business.

We are committed to reducing our environmental impact by finding effective ways to divert waste from landfills. We aim to inspire and help our customers, suppliers and others to do the same.

Here are some of the targets we have been focusing on and our achievements.

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waste diversion

Since 2007, we have been working towards our goal of diverting at least 70% of waste from our stores and distribution centres nationally from landfill.

1.3 billion
plastic bags diverted from landfill

Thanks to the tremendous response of our customers, who shared our concern for protecting the environment, we achieved our goal of diverting more than one billion plastic bags from landfill.

organic waste used to produce energy

In 2009, we established partnerships with two companies developing biogas facilities that will convert organic waste from select stores into a renewable energy source

energy from the sun

In 2009, we participated in the Ontario rooftop photovoltaic (PV) project following the provincial government introduction of the feed-in tariff (FIT) program to encourage green energy initiatives. The program offers stable prices under long-term contracts for energy generated from renewable sources, such as bio-energy, solar PV and wind.

In 2010, we will execute four rooftop photovoltaic projects in Ontario.

grown close to home™

As a proudly Canadian company, we are committed to supporting local Canadian farmers and economies and to bringing Canadians the exceptional flavours of produce picked at its peak.

sustainable sourcing

In 2009, we launched a comprehensive sustainable seafood initiative; committing to source 100% of seafood from sustainable sources by year end 2013. This commitment covers all canned, frozen, fresh, wild and farmed seafood products, in all categories, private label and national brands.

To help us live up to our commitment, we are partnering with WWF-Canada, MSC, marine scientists, conservation experts and fisheries.

Tetley makes tea commitment

Tetley recently announced its commitment to sourcing exclusively from Rainforest Alliance Certified tea farms. Canadians can now enjoy Tetley blend teas produced in a way that respects the environment and tea workers. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Islands with large tourism industry's and even the military have begun ordering vertical farming units.

Vertical farms on the grow up

Experts predicting food revolution

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Cities like San Francisco, Providence and Salt Lake

City now plan to build farms on top of high-rises. And in 10 years, experts are predicting every major city around the world will have industrial-scale vertical farms.

The monkeys at England's Paignton Zoo love their fresh, flavorful lettuce. What the monkeys don't know is that they're agricultural revolutionaries: their food comes from Europe's first operating vertical farm.

"Our monkeys eat better than guests at five-star restaurants," Kevin Frediani, Paignton Zoo's plant curator and a former head gardener for Queen Elizabeth. "And it has no pesticides."

But humans would benefit from vertical farms, too, notes Frediani.

"Soon 90 per cent of people in the Western world will live in cities. Most of their food comes from other cities and other countries, which is unsustainable. The world is on a cusp of an agricultural revolution."

The company of the fore-

front of that revolution is Valcent, the maker of Paignton Zoo's farm.

"You can have vertical farms in urban warehouses, former industrial sites, deserts and high-rise buildings," says CEO Chris Bradford. "But 10 years ago nobody saw a need for vertical farms. Today there's a lot of empty real estate. And people are worried about traditional agriculture's impact on global warming."

"You can grow almost any plant vertically," explains Tim Bentley, Valcent's director of business development. "The question is if it's economically viable."

How does it work?

- Valcent's seeds are planted in pots sitting in water-filled trays, which contain water contains nutrients specifically measured to each plant type. The trays are stacked on top of each other (e.g., 10-15 high) in structures that can rotate to a base where they receive nutrient-added water. Alternatively, in cities that need to create more jobs, the farms can be watered manually. But vertical farms can fill entire high-rises.

Dickson Despommier, a professor of environmental health at Columbia University, has developed a 30-story farm the size of a city block that can feed 30,000 people. Each floor has its own watering and nutrient monitoring systems, and every plant has a chip that tracks how much and what kinds of nutrients it has absorbed.

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80 80 per cent of the Earth's population will reside in urban centers by the year 2050. It will not be possible to feed them by traditional farming practices. And the future is sure to be a crowded one. With current projected population increases, the world will need 1 billion more hectares of arable land by 2050 — roughly the area of Brazil and far more land than will be available

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75 Food is the new gold. Developing countries as China or India need more food. Global food prices jumped a 75 per cent since 2000. The World Bank estimates that global food demand will double by 2030. The fresh products created by vertical farm would also encourage healthier eating habits. Scientists believe that it will decrease the major health issues related to poor dieting.

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Urban farms finding plates to fill

Vancouverite demonstrating zero carbon farms can be profitable too

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Is it possible to grow food with zero carbon emissions in the city and make a living from it? Ward Teulon, an agrologist from Vancouver, not only believes the answer is yes, but is actually doing it.

Teulon's green revolution consists of a network of urban farmers responsible for growing seasonal products in their backyards or unused lands located within 5km of their own



Ward Teulon sells his produce directly from his garden and never in bags.

homes.

The idea is to use organic products, recycled tools and travel only by foot or cycle.

"I used to work in the landscape industry, seeing how people can spend hundreds of dollars to keep grass looking good in places where they could have been growing vegetables so I saw an opportunity," City Farm Boy, as Teulon calls himself, said.

"I believe these projects build communities. I know my neighbors. We get together every Thursday in my back yard picking up veggies."

The West Coaster promises his project is something anybody, anywhere can join.

"There are

"I believe these projects build communities. I know my neighbors."

Ward Teulon

so many opportunities to grow food, even in balconies or small back yards," he says. "You might have a small space but even there you might be able to grow a few hundred dollars worth of peppers a year to actually afford your hobby. Urban farming can take all shapes and sizes."

City Farm Boy has been farming in Vancouver since 2006 and promises a green production chain

"from seeds to the table." His vegetables are never sold in bags but straight out of the garden.

No refrigeration is needed.

Many of the vegetables are harvested with the entire root system intact to enhance quality and freshness.

His business has been growing so steadily in the past few years, his shares have even quadrupled.

The next "big thing" in urban farming, at least according to Teulon, is bees.

"The price of honey has skyrocketed. It is something that can be done in the city very easily. I have a couple of beehives in my backyard. It's just another way of growing food and cheaper than having a cat."



Fish fashion finding its way to feet

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FASHION At first glance, fish and fashion have absolutely nothing in common.

When one thinks of the sushi staple salmon, brand names like Prada, Loewe, Puma and Nike would not necessarily come to mind. But look a little closer the next time you walk into your favorite department store.

That handbag cooing your name from a glass display shelf might actually be made from a slippery, scaly little thing.

As shoppers become more conscious about their carbon footprints, designers become more active in sourcing earth-friendly textiles. Fish leather is an unlikely fabrication for a luxury product. And yet, it has been developing a more noticeable presence in the fashion world.

"It's a good fit for fashion because it's stronger and more durable than leather believe it or not, because the fibers cross more than in cow or lamb," says Gunnsteinn Bjornsson, co-founder of Iceland-based Atlantic Leather.

Salmon leather is also comes in many textures.

100,000

With the average office worker believed to take less than 30 minutes for lunch and more people trading the kitchen for the local take-away, is there still room for traditional food lovers in the urban jungle? The Slow Food movement says 'yes!' and with more than 100,000 members in over 130 cities, it seems there's hope for fans of quality food and drink. The Italian-born organization promotes the enjoyment of organic, seasonal, locally grown and well prepared meals. Members of the slow movement promote the work of local producers, linking them with potential consumers. Under a government-sponsored scheme London residents have been reclaiming fields near their homes as their own. The only condition is that land must be used to grow food.

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New York buzzing

Urban beekeeping experiencing renaissance

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Guillermo Fernandez's garden is ready, the hive set up. Now the New York marketing executive is just waiting for the arrival of 50,000 bees.

"It's so soothing to see the connection between bees and flowers", explains Fernandez. "And I wanted to do something for the bees. So much of our food depends on pollination, but one quarter of US bees have died."

Fernandez joins a growing number of New Yorkers who are becoming hobby beekeepers since the practice became legal in April.

His colony of 50,000 honeybees arrives on May 8.

Other large cities, too, are bustling with the sound of bees.

"Beekeeping is going through a renaissance," notes Norman Carreck, Scientific Director of the International Bee Research Association. "People realize that without bees, we'd be without most of the interesting things we eat.



Urban beekeepers in New York became legal in April.

And they've learned that it's perfectly possible to keep bees in urban environments, including balconies and rooftops.

Cities may, in fact, be the best place to revive the bee population, which has been decimated during the past decade.

According to Carreck, urban bees do well because

cities have plenty of parks with plants, while rural environments can be like deserts to bees.

"It's soothing to be with bees because they're so selfless," explains Fernandez.

"It's the female bees who do all the work. All beekeepers refer to their bees as their girls."

You've likely heard about the controversy surrounding BPA-infused plastics in the packaging of our beverages.

Indeed, in recent years, companies have moved away from the use of bisphenol A, in response to health concerns, in favour of more health-friendly PET (polyethylene terephthalate) containers. But did you know that Coca-Cola has created a more environmentally sound and sustainable source of recyclable bottles?

According to Statistics Canada, the average Canadian generates about 675 kg of waste annually. Now, we've read lately that beverage bottles contribute to a large amount of waste but, interestingly enough, only 0.2 kg of our average annual waste is com-

prised of PET bottles (less than 0.03%). And when a PET bottle is recycled, it saves 0.55 kilowatts of electricity and 53 grams of carbon; recycling one kilogram of PET saves 55,000 BTUs of energy or the equivalent of 1.6 litres of gasoline.

Sounds good, right? Well, it gets better.

Coca-Cola Canada has developed a new technology that makes plastic beverage bottles more sustainable than ever.

Using plant-based material to replace a portion of the petroleum used in PET plastic allows the Coca-Cola Company to reduce the use of non-renewable resources.

PlantBottle™ packaging is a PET plastic package made with up to 30% of its material derived from plant material (non-food, plant-based

waste) without any difference in shelf life, weight, appearance, or functionality compared with traditional PET plastic bottles.

"While the PlantBottle introduction and market launch put The Coca-Cola Company on the forefront of bio-based packaging innovation, we are continuing to strive to make an even better bottle," said Scott Vitters, Director of Sustainable Packaging, The Coca-Cola Company. "Our vision is to continue to innovate until we have a bottle that is made with 100 percent plant-waste material while remaining completely recyclable."

The PlantBottle was featured as the primary beverage product package throughout the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games, joining other select markets in the initial global launch of this partially plant-based PET plastic. Ultimately, the Company's goal is to use other types of plant-based waste, such as wood chips or wheat stalks, to produce recyclable PET plastic bottles.

Look for the PlantBottle identification on your Coca-Cola beverage packaging and in-store point-of-sale displays at your local supermarket or, for more information, visit www.TheCoca-ColaCompany.ca/citizenship.

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Catrrall dons cancer T-shirt

Actress Kim Catrrall will be donning the famous target T-shirt as the face of the annual Fashion Targets Breast Cancer campaign. This year's Joe Fresh Style Fashion Targets Breast Cancer T-shirt will be sold at Loblaw's store throughout Canada in May. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Earth-friendly shoes

Even when the heels are worn down and there are holes in the soles, it just doesn't feel right to throw away something as substantial as a shoe. Now you don't have to. Timberland has come out with a boat shoe for men that can be taken apart for recycling when you're done wearing them. The soles are made from 42 per cent recycled tires and the linings come from recycled bottles and organic cotton. Earthkeepers2.0 boat shoe sells for \$120 and are available at Town Shoes. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Fashion embraces older models

Runways reflect the hunt for newness and newsworthiness

Among the more avant-garde looks shown on the runways of New York, London, Paris and Milan was one that seems ho-hum in real life: grey hair.

More mature models — some even in their, gasp, 40s — were stars at the previews of fall styles. And in the fashion world, that's a radical turn from the use of models not old enough to drive a car, let alone wield a credit card. "I wanted something different," said Francisco Costa,

creative director for the Calvin Klein Collection. "I wanted a cast that really represented a customer I design for, and that's not really a 16-year-old." Costa hired grey-haired Kristen McMenamy, who also ap-

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peared at Viktor & Rolf, as well as '90s sensations — and now mothers — Stella Tennant and Kirsty Hume.

Marc Jacobs, widely considered the most influential American designer, cast 47-year-old Elle Macpherson in

his Louis Vuitton show, along with Bar Refaeli and Alessandra Ambrosio. Trend-setting Miuccia Prada used Ambrosio, Isabella Fontana, Doutzen Kroes and Miranda Kerr — all best known as voluptuous Victoria's Secret models and all in their mid-20s, a relatively advanced age for runway models.

It's a smart move by the fashion industry to make itself more relatable to consumers. Costa acknowledges that the tough retail climate has helped force design houses to speak more directly to their customers. "The woman who puts my clothes on needs a certain level of sophistication," says Costa. "We wanted to

acknowledge women who have always worn our clothes, women with their own identities, have full lives, have kids."

It also may help counter perennial complaints about skinny models. It's said that age brings wisdom; it also usually brings curves.

The more mature look was on trend with the chic, retro styles shown for fall, so helping models' health may be icing on the maybe-not-entirely-fat-free cake.

Still, Nian Fish, creative director at fashion-show powerhouse producer KCD, says designers, stylists, casting agents and modelling agents all collectively heeded the call to put forth a healthier image.

"This is fashion coupled with compassion," says Fish, who helped the Council of Fashion Designers of America launch its health initiative back in 2007. "But I think the compassion

came first, and then the fashion suited these bodies. I loved seeing these bodies in Prada. We're always looking for trends at Prada, and seeing Victoria's Secret girls on the Prada runway woke up a lot of people about what a woman should look like."

Older models have had far more success in print, where 41-year-old Christy Turlington and 39-year-old Claudia Schiffer, for example, still star in top-tier campaigns. But while ads have always been specifically crafted to sell something, the runway had been about fantasy.

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The Calvin Klein fall 2010 collection modeled during Fashion Week in New York. The more mature look was on-trend with the chic, retro styles shown at the fall fashion shows this year. Left: A fall 2010 creation by designer Marc Jacobs for Louis Vuitton.

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Shop girl

Christina McDowell helps clients navigate the racks

JORDANA DIVON
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Close your eyes and imagine an enormous closet. Now picture your closet teeming with designer dresses, buttery leather jackets, rows of Jimmy Choos, and a three-way mirror with state-of-the-art lighting.

For most women, it's a fantasy. For Christina McDowell, it's just a regular day at the office.

McDowell is one of seven personal shoppers who styles the city's best dressed at Holt Renfrew's flagship Toronto, Ont. store. Personal shopping and image consultation are two of the numerous services offered by the high-end chain, and figure (understandably) among its most popular.

"You're coming in to play dress-up, and you're really doing it in the eyes of an expert," says McDowell. And an expert she certainly is. Wearing a brown knit top, chunky gold jewelry, fitted slacks and a to-die-for black A.L.C. jacket, McDowell clearly walks the walk.

"It's an instinctive thing," she says. "There are experts in art, in science, in medicine. This is my expertise."

The idea behind personal shopping is to provide both male and female cus-

tomers with intimate, one-on-one help in navigating the store's endless racks of merchandise. While some clients might come in to find the perfect outfit for an event, most return regularly to build their wardrobes. And contrary to popular belief, you don't need a Platinum card to make an appointment.

"Some people get intimidated, thinking they're going to have to spend at higher levels," she says of the complimentary service. "I literally have students, some just graduating from university, wanting that interview suit. I (also) have politicians, I have celebrities, and the client I just had in was a mom with three young boys who needed a dress

for an event. I work within the parameters of what everyone needs."

Fashion wasn't always in McDowell's future, to which her degree in political science can attest.

But while she was considering law school, the petite Toronto native took a sartorial detour. After starting her own image consulting business, she was recruited by Holt Renfrew to join their revamped personal shopping department.

"A lot of people say they love fashion, but it was much more than that," she explains. "It was just this idea that I could anticipate



Holt Renfrew's personal shopping area at the Vancouver store.

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Christina McDowell, personal shopper at Holt Renfrew

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and see what (others) would look best in...it's pulling the whole look together and having that person say, 'Wow! I can't believe the difference.' A complete transformation." Appointments with McDowell typically begin with a "cappuccino consul-

tation," so named because she will sit down with the new client and get to know them. "For this relationship to work it has to be based on trust, because it becomes very intimate," she says. "You have to trust that I've got your back, that I'm going to put



Christina McDowell is a personal shopper at Holt Renfrew. The service is free and attracts all walks of life, including graduating students, politicians and celebrities.

you out there looking your best."

After the consultation, she will pull items based on a client's individual taste, size, and budget, always offering several options along the price spectrum. McDowell, who describes her style sense as "urban chic," keeps a detailed history on all her clients so she knows exactly what to look for when they come in.

"I've done this for a number of years and really consistently almost every-

one goes, 'I'm so happy!' It takes the load off you making that decision alone."

And it's seeing clients leave with lifted spirits that McDowell confirms as the biggest perk of her job. "There's a lot of negativity in this world, but when you come through these doors it's a chance to experience something positive. I love to see that."

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Tax season is coming to a close and you may have your refund money burning a hole in your pocket.

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A sexy pair of Jessica Simpson pumps from Town Shoes is a perfect way to update your favourite outfits. "Peep toe platforms are great on sky high heels because your foot is raised and not on an angle," says Crissi Giamos spokesperson for Town Shoes. "This shoe is perfect with a pencil skirt."



\$350

Investing in a quality leather jacket is a great way to put your refund money to good use. Danier's men's black leather bomber jacket can carry you through from fall to spring in style. "It will instantly update your wardrobe with this season's hottest trend, leather," says Jennifer Steckel Elliot, VP of marketing for Danier.

\$1,000

If you want to go all out and treat yourself to the ultimate spring accessory, stop by Holt Renfrew and pick up a Michael Kors marine-blue leather tote for \$1,000. With gold tone hardware, a hanging logo plate, tassels and a cinched knotted top, this tote is luxury in a handbag.



Nimoy ready to retire

Leonard Nimoy is ready to beam into retirement. The 79-year-old actor, best known for his iconic performance as Spock on the original Star Trek, told the Toronto Sun he plans to retire from acting after his final appearance on Fringe later this season. **TVGUIDE.COM**

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Entertainment

Celebs to wed

Carrie Underwood and Mike Fisher have set a wedding date. Sadly, though, it's "not one that we're openly talking about," she said on The Ellen DeGeneres Show yesterday. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

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★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

Nikki is a star on the rise

Caribou

Album: Swim
Label: Merge Records
Rating: ★★★★★

CARIBOU IS THE current alias for a Dundas, Ont., musician by the name of Dan Snaith. He's now living in London, England, where he obtained a doctorate in mathematics while building a cult-like following for his laptop musical pastiches of electronic psychedelia. A couple of years ago, he ventured into making music (mostly) with real instruments and band members. The charming alt-rock result was called Andorra and won him the 2008 Polaris Music Prize for best Canadian album of the year. His new release, Swim, merges the old electronica with new alt-rock. The wonderful effects are held together by an innate sense of rhythm that only a math master can have and Snaith's secret love for funk. Give it a chance. It's more accessible than you may think.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Nikki Yanofsky

Album: Nikki
Label: Universal
Rating: ★★★★★

WHILE THE VAMPOUR Olympic anthem I Believe helped propel Montreal's Nikki Yanofsky into

the spotlight, the song did a disservice to the up-and-coming singer. That bland, Celine Dion-ish track did nothing to show off Yanofsky's incredible range, fluid voice and jazz tendencies. Her debut is a solid collection of jazz covers and laid-back tunes. George and Ira Gershwin's I Got Rhythm, with its hyperactive scatting, is perfect for Yanofsky's big voice; she's not as strong on the slower tracks, such as Grey Skies, but there's no question she's Canada's next big singer.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Taylor Hawkins

Album: Red Light Fever
Label: Sony Music
Rating: ★★★★★

DAVE GROHL MAY have the best sense of humour in the Foo Fighters, but drummer Taylor Hawkins isn't far behind. He named his band the Coattail Riders and on the first track of his new disc he hilariously adds a high-pitched Queen-like harmony to this riff filled hard rock track (with help from Queen's Brian May). The album is what you'd expect — loud guitars, catchy melodies, a mix of rock and pop. Unfortunately, beyond a few funny moments, there's nothing great about the record. It's all fairly even keel rock. It's not a bad side project, but he's lucky he has a secure day job.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

The Cheap Speakers

Album: The Cheap Speakers
Label: Independent
Rating: ★★★★★

WHILE THE CHEAP Speakers are spirited, sincerity unnervingly combats with overreaching on this six-song debut. Pulling from rudimentary pop influences, musically they're

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secure — approach similar to a novice Christine McVie. She isn't used enough, however, resulting in a few great moments swallowed up by dudes striving too hard. As Ned Flanders sagely hollered, "A man can't live in good intentions." Well, nor can he listen to them.

Keith Carman/for Metro Canada



Nikki Yanofsky's debut album is a solid collection of jazz covers and laid-back tunes.

enue was too indulgent for me and I couldn't get past some of their Radiohead-ish instrumentation. Fortunately, the new disc is better, though the band still needs to work on a few things. It's louder, they employ the electric guitar more and their best tracks are here. The Mama Papa, for one, is a fantastic rock song that's crisp, short and made for radio. Tom Cruise on the other hand is too brooding, sluggish and at nearly five minutes, it gets a bit repetitive. It's a good followup, but this band still has plenty of room to grow.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

two sets of Texans may seem unlikely, but there's strong chemistry here between 13th Floor Elevators' Roky Erickson and indie favourites Okkervil River. Some of the songs are nearly 40 years old, and Will Sheff arranges each one to suit the burnt out psych rocker's rusted, weary voice. Ranging from country twang to garage to sprawling orch pop, Okkervil River adjust their sound to match his personal tragedies. The source material is enough to warrant a listen (shock treatment, mental illness and imprisonment), but this partnership has the legs to blossom into more than just a one-off.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Plants and Animals

Album: La La Land
Label: Secret City/EMI
Rating: ★★★★★

I'VE HAD TROUBLE understanding the allure of Plants and Animals. The Polaris-nominated Parc Av-

Roky Erickson With Okkervil River

Album: True Love Cast Out All Evil
Label: Anti-
Rating: ★★★★★

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Cancer Bats cover Beastie Boys classic

BRIAN TOWIE
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They've got three successful Canadian albums, Juno and Kerrang! award nomination, but what Cancer Bats really needed was an iconic hit everybody knew.

The Toronto metalhead quartet, famous for their terror inducing name and frontman Liam Cormier's

screaming vocals, decided to roll the dice by covering the Beastie Boys' classic track Sabotage on their album Bears, Mayors, Scraps & Bones, which dropped earlier this week.

A risky proposition for a band that, while successful domestically, has yet to really blow up on the world stage: Cormier said the band didn't realize they were treading on

such hallowed ground until they did it.

"Well, we came upon it a lot more innocently than people might think," he said. "We just started playing it at live shows. It was a really ballsy cover to take on. I realize that more in hindsight. We we're looking for a cover to add to our set, kickstart the party and do something recognizable for people who haven't

seen us a whole bunch."

It's gone over so far if the critics are any indication — saying that the cover did the track justice with its adrenaline-filled intensity. Indeed the rest of Bears, Mayors, Scraps & Bones has been called the Bats' best album to date and the one truest to their in-your-face live shows.

"We wanted to learn from every single mistake



Bears, Mayors, Scraps & Bones is the new album from Cancer Bats.

we had made from previous records and just crush this thing," Cormier said. "From day one, we were

more rehearsed and ready well in advance. And we're super-stoked about what we've done."

It could happen, according to the LA Times, which is reporting that Disney has put a Wizard of Oz prequel on "a fast track of sorts" with Robert Downey Jr. in talks to star as the wizard, and Sam Mendes on the short list to direct. **EW.COM**

Message lost in sea of beauty

Oceans

Directors: Jacques Perrin, Jacques Cluzaud
Stars: Pierce Brosnan (narrator)
Classification: G
Rating: ●●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



Following the success of the last year's *Earth*, Disney's new documentary label has produced another mammoth non-fiction effort entitled *Oceans* (no points for guessing what it's about).

Shot over four years with new underwater filmmaking technology created specifically for the project, *Oceans* is an undeniably impressive technical achievement.

Stunning footage of sea life that was never possible to capture before will certainly thrill audiences even if the movie never amounts to more than an impressive showreel for new technology. Fortunately, it's difficult to be bothered by that too much when watching all of the extraordinary footage projected on a giant screen.

With its Earth Day re-

Thursday screentimes for *Oceans*

- **Fifth Avenue Cinemas:** Thu 2-4:20-6:50-8:45
- **Tinseltown:** No Passes 1:10-3:15-5:20-7:30-9:35
- **Silvercity Riverport:** No Passes 12-2:15-4:30-6:45-9:15
- **Silvercity Coquitlam:** No Passes 12-2:15-4:30-7:00-9:15
- **Strawberry Hill Grande:** No Passes 12-2:30-5:7:30-10
- **Colossus Langley:** Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45

lease date, the film obviously offers some well-timed environmental messages about the pressing need to take better care of our environment.

Disturbing satellite footage highlighting a black polluted runoff pouring into the oceans will disgust many viewers, while Pierce Brosnan's soothing British voice spells out the dangers of these issues in no uncertain terms.

However, the film doesn't really offer any compelling argument to justify all of the political finger wagging and heart string-pulling footage of adorable animals.

The movie is merely a



Oceans showcases some of the most stunning footage captured underwater.

collection of the most impressive images a massive crew of underwater film-

makers could capture with a near limitless budget and production sched-

ule.

The result may boast a significant "wow" factor, but it's a shame that no one bothered to come up with a concise theme or structure to give it all a clear meaning.

There is a nice message about nature conservation and the majesty of the great blue yonder to be found in *Oceans*. It's just difficult to determine what specific arguments the filmmakers want to impart on the viewers. The movie is aimed at children and they shouldn't mind quite so much about the questionable substance.

All they'll care about are the pretty blue images of ocean life that the filmmakers deliver for 85 minutes.

An unfocused documentary, but also an undeniably beautiful one.

A climate warning for military

BOOK It is a military truism that an army ought to stand its ground. But what if the ground it's standing on is melting, becoming prone to floods, or is outright disappearing?

Climate change is turning conventional military wisdom on its head, something Canada has been at pains to grasp, according to Cleo Paskal, author of *Global Warring: How Environmental, Economic, and Political Crises Will Redraw the World Map*.

The book, which came out earlier this year, has created a storm, no pun intended, in policy circles. It has found its way onto reading lists at the U.S. Army War College, and the Montreal-based author is now being tapped as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Paskal has produced a compellingly simple thesis: countries need to rethink their approach to geopolitics because their borders are physically changing.

Canada, however, has failed to respond to the call, says Paskal. Given the face of the Arctic could be altered dramatically in the coming years, the debate is hardly abstract.

"The discussions about the degree of change and what it's going to mean for that region — socially, economically, culturally, politically — is not happening," Paskal said.

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Manufactured Landscapes, above, and *An Inconvenient Truth* are two good examples of the growing trend of eco-docs.

Going green at a theatre near you

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada



Every holiday has its canonical film, *White Christmas* to *Halloween*.

But Earth Day may be the only red-letter date on the calendar whose cinematic standard is a documentary: Davis Guggenheim's 2006 Oscar winner *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Whatever one's feelings may be about Guggenheim's Powerpoint-style aesthetics, his film's massive box-office success instigated a boom period for the production and distribution of environmentally themed documentaries.

"The scene has exploded," says Kathleen Murphy, the director of programming for the Toronto-based Planet in Focus Film Festival, which takes an

annual survey of ecologically-minded non-fiction films (this year's edition runs Oct 13-17).

"People have always tried to make movies about these issues, but there is more interest now, and so there is also more money, and more exposure through festivals, and a bigger audience."

The audience has grown to the point where Planet in Focus has expanded to include year-long initiatives: later this month, their Mixed Greens screening series will show Tadashi Orui's new documentary *The Scars of Mercury*, which analyzes the fallout of chemical dumping on an First Nations community in Dryden, Ont. (the film screens on Friday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gardiner Museum).

Made in Canada

Here are two documentaries with a Canadian twist. Now all you need is a solar-powered DVD player to watch them on.

• **Manufactured Landscapes:** Canadian master Jennifer Baichwal's profile of photographer Edward Burtynsky features chilling, otherworldly footage of China's ruinous Three Gorges Dam project.

• **Petropolis:** This short piece by Peter Mettler is comprised solely of abstract shots of Alberta's tar sands, images which resonates with a strange beauty

Lina Cino, a campaigner for the Toronto Environmental Alliance — a grassroots organization focused on changes within the urban sphere — is a fan of

many of the recent eco-docs, but says that their effect on audiences isn't necessarily galvanizing.

"With some of these films, there is a risk that people will be overwhelmed by the size of the issues being discussed," she says. "It can be paralyzing. But it's also important, and fantastic, that these films raise awareness of what's going on."

She cites Min Sook Lee's recent TIFF selection *My Toxic Baby*, which cast a skeptical eye on the chemical makeup of many childcare products, as an example of a documentary that understands how to get through to its audiences.

"One way to get people to change their behaviour," says Cino, "is to make it clear what the consequences may be for their children."

Kal Penn robbed

As TMZ first reported, actor Kal Penn was robbed at gunpoint in Washington, D.C., early Tuesday morning, his rep confirmed. The 32-year-old has been working in the capital for the Obama administration. EW.COM



Cameron's eco Avatar

King of global box office wants to save the world

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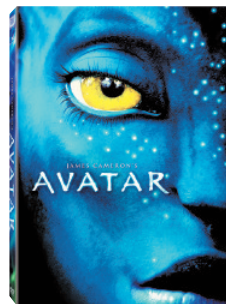
For James Cameron, green is the new blue.

The Canadian-born filmmaker stumbled upon his own Pandora — the edenic fantasy world of his megafilm *Avatar* populated by indigo-tinged aliens who battle humans to save their habitat — during a press tour of Brazil last month. And not unlike *Avatar* hero Jake Sully, Cameron joined the country's Amazonian tribes in their protest against plans to build a dam that could displace thousands of indigenous people.

"It was life changing. By a long series of events finding myself in what is like a real-life *Avatar*-like drama, it was pretty amazing," Cameron tells Metro over the phone from Los Angeles.

The Hollywood powerhouse is currently in full eco-activist mode. The *Avatar* website now hosts plenty of information about environmental issues and Cameron's company will sponsor the planting of a million trees around the world. Fans of the film are being urged to help out in the green drive when they buy the DVD or Blue-ray, which go on sale today to coincide with Earth Day.

Avatar is out on DVD and Blue-ray today



Cameron, a native of Kapuskasing, Ont., is also throwing his weight behind opposition to the controversial Athabasca oil-sands project in Alberta and is openly critical of the Canadian government for not doing enough for renewable energy. He will be attending the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York this Saturday where he intends to learn more about the issue.

Despite the newfound environmentalism, Cameron remains a director at heart. He has already filmed his visits to Brazil and wants to return to the country's tribal areas to "shoot more stuff, maybe even in 3-D."

"(It will be) less about protesting the dam and more about chronicling their culture and their concerns, the way the civilized world is encroaching on



Avatar director James Cameron has turned to environmental activism ever since his visit to Brazil.

them ... roll that into a documentary which may have its own life separate from the DVD release and/or we may have some cut-piece that goes into the

special edition DVD in November," the 56-year-old director says.

Cameron also admits that his recent experiences will probably end up influ-

encing the *Avatar* sequel, for which he has already chalked up a rough story. But as far as Cameron's approach to filmmaking goes, there's one thing that won't change — the emotional heft that underpins all his movies.

Cameron attributes the success of his films to his ability to make the audience relate to his characters and storylines. He insists that *Avatar* became the top-grossing film of all time because it was "firing on all eight cylinders" and not just 3-D effects.

"My films have been criticized sometimes for being simplistic. I think they operate on multiple levels. I think the surface level is very clear, so the audience is always well grounded in ... what they are supposed to be feeling. As a filmmaker, I am not afraid to go for an emotional response. I think some filmmakers are. They need to be cool. I'm not afraid to be uncool," Cameron says.

Avatar: DVD and beyond

- There are no bonus features in the DVD and Blue-ray versions being released today. James Cameron says: "It takes time to generate good supplemental material. We didn't want to crash together a bunch of bogus stuff." There will be no trailers either as Cameron wanted to use every bit of disc space to preserve the film's picture quality.

- Cameron's currently working on extra footage that was left out of the film's original cut. Cameron says: "We're taking a number of scenes and finishing them up to the level of the rest of the film. It takes time and it takes literally millions of dollars." The extended cut will be re-released in theatres in August.

- There are no plans for a 3-D DVD release yet. Cameron says there isn't enough of the technology to go around to make it a viable option.

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The lighter side of killing yourself

TV SHOW Eric Schaeffer likes to talk about, and dramatize, issues other people hold in isolated silence.

Such as eating disorders. That's a topic he served up brilliantly on his serio-comic series *Starved*. But for whatever reason, viewers didn't treat themselves to *Starved* during its brief run on FX five years ago.

Now Schaeffer has an even less appetizing idea for a series: suicide, and people who have given it a try.

Gravity, his offbeat new dramedy, focuses on a support group for otherwise diverse New Yorkers whose

common bond is their failed attempts to end it all — and their shared urgency to try again.

The cast includes Ving Rhames as the support group's leader, a burly ex-Major Leaguer whose bungled attempt has left him in a wheelchair. Rachel Hunter plays an over-the-hill supermodel who attempted suicide after her agent proposed that she appear on a *Where Are They Now?* special. As Lily, Krysten Ritter is a sexy lost soul who flat-lined after scarfing down a hunk of chocolate cake she spiked with crumbled codeine tablets.

And Schaeffer plays a

cop who investigates Lily's suicide attempt, then, in the guise of his continuing investigation ("suicide is a crime," he informs her), indulges in what seems like obsessive vigilance.

Gravity, which premieres Friday at 10:30 p.m. ET on Movie Central and The Movie Network in Canada, is funnier than it sounds. It is also cringingly twisted at times and occasionally very sad.

And it will prove readily relatable to viewers, whether they might think so or not — or so Schaeffer insists.

"We all know that we're lots of things, all the time,

and that's what makes us human," he declares. "But for some reason, in our movies and our TV shows and when we're talking to each other, we're not allowed to say that."

To do so, he goes on, would mean "accessing conflicting beliefs in our own personality."

Schaeffer seems to work overtime accessing conflicting beliefs in personalities — especially his own. In *Starved*, he drew upon a real-life paradox: the eating disorder that continues to plague him today, despite his yoga-toned, 5-foot-8-inch, 165-pound frame. He says he fantasizes about



Gravity stars Krysten Ritter and Ivan Sergei.

dropping 15 pounds. If only.

"It's OK in daylight hours," he says one recent morning between healthy bites of a grapefruit in a diner near his Upper West Side apartment. "The problem is: Do I eat cake and ice cream, and how MUCH

of it will I eat, and how often, late at night, alone, on my couch? That continues."

Fortunately, suicide isn't such a pressing matter for him. "But I have an ability to slide into a dark side," he allows.

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TV drama *Rescue Me* will return for its penultimate sixth season on June 29, followed by the series premiere of the comedy, *Louie*, FX announced yesterday. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Kate finally gets the boot from Dancing

Judges show no mercy, comparing Gosselin's dancing to a coat hanger

Reality TV mom Kate Gosselin has one fewer jobs to juggle.

The author and reality star was eliminated Tuesday from *Dancing With the Stars*, leaving seven couples in the competition.

Gosselin failed to ignite the ballroom, landing near the bottom of the judges' leaderboard during five weeks of dancing.

She and professional partner Tony Dovolani came into Tuesday's results show with the week's lowest score: 15 points out of 30 for a lacklustre fox-trot.

"I think Tony could have had more life out of a frock on a coat hanger," judge Bruno Tonioli said Monday.

Judges' scores are com-

bined with viewer votes to determine which celebrity is eliminated each week.

Dovolani praised his partner as she dabbed her eyes with a tissue after learning their fate.

"I give her all the credit for showing up, as exhausted as she was, she still showed up every day," he said.

"You showed America that it doesn't matter how much things go against you, you still come out here and give it your best," he added.

Gosselin, a 35-year-old mother of twins and sextuplets, starred for several seasons with her ex-husband, Jon, in the hit TLC reality show *Jon & Kate Plus 8*.

The show collapsed as the couple's marriage fell

apart.

She said through tears Tuesday that she was honoured to have been on the hit ABC show.

"I love everyone that I met," she said, apologizing for being "a crybaby."

"It was a great experience," she continued. "I had a wonderful teacher."

She said that despite her low scores, she gave her best in the ballroom.

"I was scared to death most of the time to be out here," she added.

Gosselin and her ex-husband are due in court in Pennsylvania on May 25 for a hearing on his motion for full custody.

Earlier this month, his attorney accused the reality mom of neglecting the children to appear on *Dancing With the Stars*, a

charge her attorney rejected as "patently false."

Kate Gosselin is the fourth contestant to be dismissed from *Dancing with the Stars*.

Soap star Aiden Turner, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and actress Shannen Doherty were eliminated on previous episodes.

Returning to dance on Monday's episode are singer Nicole Scherzinger, Olympic figure skater Evan Lysacek, actresses Pamela Anderson and Niecy Nash, reality star Jake Pavelka, sportscaster Erin Andrews and football star Chad Ochocinco.

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Reality TV mom Kate Gosselin was voted off *Dancing*, Tuesday.

Entertainment in brief

TELEVISION David Beckham will join the ladies of *The View* as a guest on Monday. ABC says it will be the first time the soccer superstar has appeared on the weekday talk show.

The 34-year-old midfielder is recovering from a torn Achilles

tendon which he injured playing for the AC Milan while on loan from the Los Angeles Galaxy. In February, his wife, singer-model-businesswoman Victoria Beckham, co-hosted *The View* with regular hosts including Barbara Walters and Whoopi Goldberg.

STAGE Hal Holbrook has performed the one-man *Mark Twain Tonight!* shows for 56 years. Yesterday he reached a milestone on the centenary of Twain's death in Elmira, N.Y., where Twain wrote the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

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The Office
A smitten Andy (Ed Helms) goes all out to make Secretary's Day memorable for Erin (Ellie Kemper), but Michael (Steve Carell) inadvertently lets the cat out of the bag about Andy's past relationship with Angela (Angela Kinsey). Oscar (Oscar Nunez) circulates a viral video comparing Kevin's (Brian Baumgartner) voice to Cookie Monster's in the new episode "Secretary's Day." 6 PM on STR



Jon Stewart

The Wedding Planner
It's no "Selena," but this 2001 Jennifer Lopez film was a hit with romantic-comedy fans in general and J.Lo fans in particular. The rest of you are free to ignore it. She has the title role as a woman who falls for a fellow (Matthew McConaughey), unaware that he is the groom of the bride-to-be (Bridgette Wilson-Sampras) whose wedding she's organizing. Justin Chambers, Kevin Pollak and Fred Willard also star. 5 PM on TBS

Stewart and Colbert ink new deals

PEOPLE The late-night lineup is shifting on TV but not at Comedy Central. The cable channel has signed new deals to keep Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert.

Comedy Central said Tuesday that in separate agreements, Stewart agreed to host *The Daily Show* through June 2013 and Colbert will stick with *The Colbert Report* until the end of 2012.

The two shows air in the 11 p.m. to midnight Eastern block. The contract extensions were announced a week after Conan O'Brien said after a short stint at *The Tonight Show*, his home will be cable channel TBS. O'Brien, who will host a late-night show later this year that will compete with Stewart and Colbert, left NBC after the network sought to move him and *Tonight* to make way for Jay Leno's return to late night.

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Vancouver dines out

Dine Out Vancouver starts next week, running April 26 to May 6. Go to tourismvancouver.com for the list (and menus) of the 208 participating restaurants. **ANYA LEVYKH/FOR METRO VANCOUVER**

Urban Foodie

An Argentinean feast at festival

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There is a popular premise that has taken hold over the last few years — to wit, that the best wine pairings for any cuisine are the wines that come from the same region as that cuisine.

Call it the oenophile's version of 100-mile-dining. And there is some truth in this. Shared terroir often leads to ideal flavour combinations. But, as a recent dinner in conjunction with this week's wine festival proved, mixing up regions can lead to a whole new world of palate exploration.

On Monday night, Coast Restaurant hosted Edgardo del Popolo, winemaker at Doña Paula, a noted Argentinean winery whose vineyards are situated in the mountainous region of Mendoza. The theme of the dinner was "Argentine terroir meets coastal cuisine" and in keeping with that theme, Coast EC Josh Wolfe put together a menu that was based around the signature wines of that region.

Jumbo prawns marinated in garlic and cumín, served with mango tapenade and roasted, was matched with the Doña Paula Estate Torrontés. This is a grape that is new to B.C. wine drinkers, really only coming into prominence within the last eight months.



Chimichurri-rubbed striploin with yam puree, zucchini pavé.

On the web

- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.
- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.

This white varietal, native to Argentina, has a balanced acidity and fresh, with floral notes that linger on the palate.

A smoked sablefish and white bean empanada was paired with the "Naked Pulp" Viognier, so called because the grapes are left a little longer on the vine, until they're slightly shrivelled, and the skins are not pressed, and are removed, so the "Naked Pulp" ends up

with a bright acidity and a pleasant sweetness that matched well with the heartiness of the fish.



Doña Paula Estate Alluvia

The next course, herb-crusted lamb rack with goat cheese and sweet corn ravioli, drizzled with a dried blueberry and red wine jus, came with a

glass of the Alluvia, a Cabernet Franc that displays a solid palate of pepper, cloves and cinnamon, with a very interesting blackcurrant and mint nose.

The cream of the crop, however, was the Selección de Bodega Malbec, a deep violet — almost black — quaff with a beautiful nose of plum, liquorice, black cherries and dried herbs. It was matched by a chimichurri-rubbed striploin, served rare, that blew away our table. Forget red wine reductions and glazes, the

tangy, fresh taste of this green sauce — made up of chopped parsley, garlic, thyme, oil and red pepper flakes — was a whole new way to eat steak, and I am willing to bet this particular pairing becomes the new miso aioli.

What this dinner showed most clearly is the amazing diversity and depth of Argentinean wine, and the amazing pairings that can result from it. I encourage all of you to head out over the next three days to the wine festival's tasting rooms, try some of these amazing bottles for yourselves. For those who can't make it, Everything Wine carries an extensive selection of Doña Paula and other Argentinean wines, in every price point.

In brief

NEW CHEF David Gunawan has been appointed new Chef de Cuisine at West Restaurant, following the departure of chef Warren Geraghty.

NEW PATISSERIE Chocolatier-Pâtissier Thierry Busset will be opening up a new patisserie this fall, dedicated to cake, pastries, chocolates and Parisian-style macaroons. Yum-yum.

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Dining out

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE WINE FEST? Hamilton Street Grill (1009 Hamilton St) is holding two wine fest evenings on April 26 and 27, featuring wines from this year's theme regions, Argentina and New Zealand. Enjoy three wines with three matching appetizers for \$25 per person. Call 604-331-1511 to reserve.

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Melanie Griffith entered rehab for the third time last August, and the Oscar-nominated actress has found new strength in her ongoing struggle to stay sober. "Addiction's a tough enemy to defeat," Griffith told people.com "I think of it as a monster." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Griffith opens up about addiction

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Third time's a charm for Mariah

MONSTROUS EXCESS. IT'S A DIVA THING Mariah Carey is to marry Nick Cannon for a third time this month, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple — who originally tied the knot in 2008 — plan to renew their vows again on April 30, their two-year wedding anniversary, with the singer already demanding more expensive jewellery from her spouse to mark the occasion.

"We get married every year! That's our thing. So it's going to be our third wedding this year," Cannon said. "That's what we'll be doing on the

actual anniversary... We'll do something ... a party or event, just to celebrate. This is the third ring I have to buy. It'll be something different — something good." According to leaked

details of her 2010 tour rider, the singer is just as demanding backstage as she is with her husband.

The rider specifies that Mariah's dressing room has "no busy patterns" although "black, dark grey, cream and dark pink" are all fine, and she should also be provided with a "lamp or clip light," so harsh lighting can be turned off.

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A squatter at Casa Sheen?

GOLD DIGGING?: UR DOING IT WRONG Even though she's allegedly through with her marriage to Charlie Sheen, Brooke Mueller is reportedly refusing to move out of their Los Angeles mansion.

"She has not moved out and she doesn't want to move out. She's furious and not talking to Charlie," a source says, ac-

cording to Hollyscoop. Sources say Mueller is furious over reports that Sheen has been cheating on her. "They've had some crazy times together but this really hurt her."

Her brother, Scott Mueller, is coming to her defense, though, saying she is just "trying to be a good mother."

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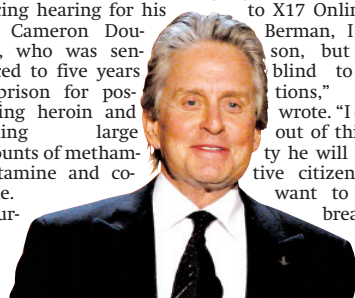
Douglas defends his son

PARENTING: UR DOING IT WRONG Michael Douglas attended the New York sentencing hearing for his son Cameron Douglas, who was sentenced to five years in prison for possessing heroin and dealing large amounts of methamphetamine and cocaine.

During the pro-

cedure, excerpts from the veteran actor's note to the judge were read, according to X17 Online. "Judge Berman, I love my son, but I'm not blind to his actions," Michael wrote. "I do believe out of this adversity he will be a positive citizen. I don't want to see him break."

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RiRi hospitalized for mysterious ailment

AFTER HEARING UMBRELLA FOR THE MILLIONTH TIME, HER EARDRUMS SUDDENLY LET OUT A TORTURED SHRIEK, DETACHED THEMSELVES FROM HER EARS, AND RAN FOR THEIR LIVES Rihanna was rushed to the hospital in Switzerland after performing to a sell-out crowd at Zurich's Hallenstadion Arena, though why the singer needed to be hospitalized wasn't made clear, according to PopCrunch. "Rihanna arrived at the accident and emergency unit. We're not going to give any details," a medical center rep says. After roughly two and half hours of treatment, the singer was released and was able to perform in France the next night.

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CelebTweets

RUSSELL BRAND is trying to make sense of things, **GAYLE KING** is influenced by TV shows, and **JIM CARREY** is feeling good about himself.

@rustyrocks At U of Miami. Their teams are known as "The Hurricanes" but their mascot is a bird. Because a furry hurricane is a confusing concept.
@kinggayle What do you guys think of medical marijuana? legalizing it? i am torn, but am thinking nurse jackie really helped that patient last week
@JimCarrey In a world where 'sane' often means 'inauthentic', I'd prefer to be called madman!

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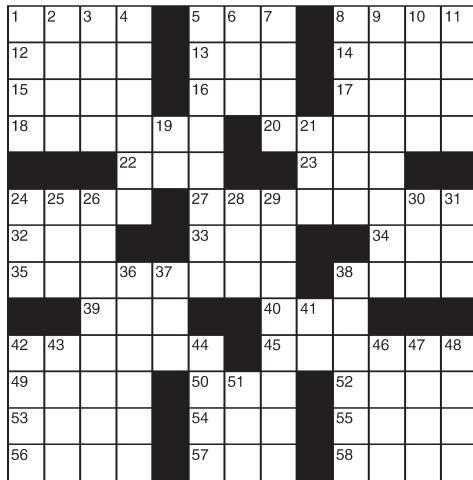
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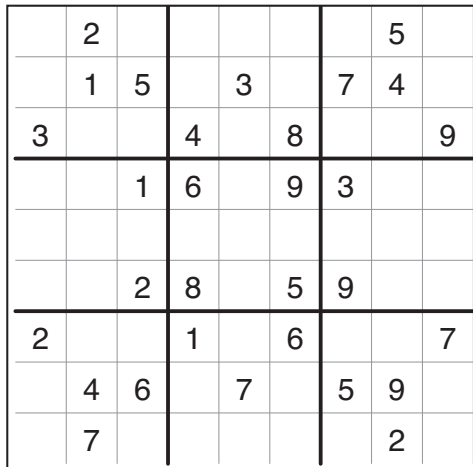
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



1	4	2	5	6	3	7	8
6	8	1	3	7	4	2	9
5	6	3	7	2	8	9	4
8	9	4	6	5	2	3	1
2	3	8	1	9	7	6	5
4	7	5	9	3	1	8	2
9	1	7	4	8	6	5	3
3	5	6	2	1	9	4	7

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Potato Cakes with Leeks and Feta

Submitted by Paula Bowman

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb russet potatoes, peeled
1/3 cup leeks, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced into half moons
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/3 cup feta cheese, crumbled
1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for salad
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Place a 12-cup non-stick muffin tin in the oven to heat.
2. Grate potatoes using the large holes of a box grater or slice into matchsticks. Toss potato with leeks, salt and pepper and transfer to a sieve set over a large bowl; let drain for about 5 minutes. Squeeze the potato mixture, a handful at a time, over the bowl to release excess moisture

3. Drain off liquid in bowl leaving any white sediment (potato starch) remaining in the bottom. Return potatoes to bowl with starch, add egg and feta and stir until thoroughly mixed. Remove hot muffin tin from oven, working carefully, and quickly spray the inside of eight muffin tins with olive oil cooking spray and fill with potato mixture, (about 1/3 cup each). Lightly spray the tops of each potato cup with olive oil spray and return pan to oven. Bake until crispy and golden brown, about 20 to 25 minutes.

SERVES 4

• Serve this with our Rosette Salad with Almonds. Find the recipe at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.com

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It should be obvious by now that certain methods and routines are no longer relevant to the way you want to live your life. Make the change today!

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The facts may point you in one direction but your instincts are telling you differently. You know from experience how bad it can be to ignore them.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may or may not think of yourself as an ideas person but your mind will be on the move constantly today. Big rewards for the full moon on the 28th.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You seem determined to challenge the status quo. Why is that? Maybe it's a passing phase, but the planets suggest you've had enough.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Be patient and don't expect instant results. If you heed this message you will get everything you desire and more — if you don't, you'll mess it up.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Don't fall into the trap of acceptance an explanation for something just because it seems like the most rational solution.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You don't have to take one particular path through life. There are numerous paths to self-discovery and you can take as many or as few as feel right.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
No amount of wishful thinking will change your current situation for the better, and once you accept that you can start doing something about it.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone close needs you to talk to them and ease their fears. Someone at work needs your opinion. It's all about other people today.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Just because something that happened recently was outside your range of experience does not give you an excuse to ignore it. Investigate it.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Certain things are simply not worth arguing about and once you accept that fact you will find it much easier to focus on what is important to you.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You could do with a helping hand and if you ask for it today someone will come to your rescue and point out what you've been doing wrong.

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